

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and patience in following the new safety procedures that we have introduced. The drop off and collection of pupils is going very smoothly. There is no traffic congestion and children are arriving into school safely. The majority of parents are communicating with the class teacher through Seesaw and this is proving to be a very effective form of communication. Seesaw will be the main means for myself and the class teacher to send home news about what is happening in school and news about your child's progress. It will also be the main line of communication for you as a parent to contact the class teacher, so I am delighted that most parents have signed up to this. You will also have been asked to sign up to Microsoft Teams. We will use Microsoft Teams to deliver online learning and some homework tasks in the future. It will also be the main way we will deliver online learning in the event of a future lockdown. If you are having trouble signing on to either Seesaw or Microsoft Teams, please contact your class teacher.

We will be sending out an online questionnaire to ascertain the access your child has to the internet and devices. Can I ask you to please take a few minutes to complete this form and return it by Friday 18th September.

The children are now back to school two weeks. They are happy, enthusiastic, very settled and are working very hard. They have adapted very well to the increased handwashing, and the different rules and procedures throughout the school. They are so resilient. They have adapted to being in their class "bubble" and remaining in their bubble when they are playing in the yard at break and lunchtime. However, I understand that the pandemic has left some children feeling anxious. If you feel that your child would benefit from seeing the school counsellor, please contact me and I will get this organised.

Parents you have also been amazing seeking advice on whether your child should come into school when they are feeling ill or if someone in the household is ill. Please continue to seek any advice you need through Seesaw or by contacting me on fionaboyd66@hotmail.com. Can I ask if your child is going for a Covid Test, ask them not to put it on Instagram or social media, as it can alarm other children in the class.

Hot school dinners will return on the 14th September. A menu will be sent out via Seesaw later this week. If you are unsure whether your child's application for free school meals has been processed, please contact the school office or the EA. Parents will be required to pay £2.60 or send in a packed until the entitlement has been approved. For those parents who wish to pay for dinners, we would encourage you to send in the correct money on a Monday, if possible, indicating which days you would like your child to receive a dinner.

Due to the Coronavirus, we have had to use a lot of their school funds to buy additional cleaning resources, PPE, sanitisers, individual resources for the children etc. We would ask parents if possible to help us recuperate some of this money by contributing £1.00 each week towards school funds (you may wish to pay for the half term/term). I fully understand that these are tough times for everyone and if it is not possible, please do not worry, as this is a totally voluntary contribution.

We had to close very quickly in March and as a result we never got the opportunity to collect in Reading Books and Library Books. Can I ask you to please check your children's old school bags and check if there are any school books. We are in desperate need of their return. Thank you.

The school will close for teacher training on Friday 25 September and Monday 28 September. **School will re-open as normal on Tuesday 29 September**
The full holiday list was sent to you via seesaw and it is on the school website.

If there is anything you need please do not hesitate to contact me using the email above or contact the school

Thank you

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