



SUNNYSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March/ April 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

After another long lockdown it has been lovely to see ELC – Primary 3 children returning to school on Monday 22nd February. They have all settled back into in-school learning well. We are also extremely hopeful that Primary 4 – 7 children will return on March 15th as indicated by the First Minister and preparations are currently underway to support their positive return to the school building.

- Face coverings should be worn at pick up and drop off.
- Stay 2m apart from other adults by choosing 1 parent/guardian to pick up and drop off.
- Keep school gates and paths clear to allow others to pass.
- Avoid car sharing and limit your use of public transport where possible.
- Self-isolate if anyone in your household has symptoms. Follow the guidance from Test and Protect on self-isolation and testing.

Social Distancing and COVID-19:



As the First Minister and National Clinical Director have said, it is vital that the following precautionary measures are still observed:

To support social distancing we will continue to open school doors at 8:50am. Please do not drop off your child before this time unless they are attending the Breakfast Club.

Return to school focus:



To support children with their return to school, we are focusing on two of

our school values as part of our wider Equitable Literacy approach.

These values are:

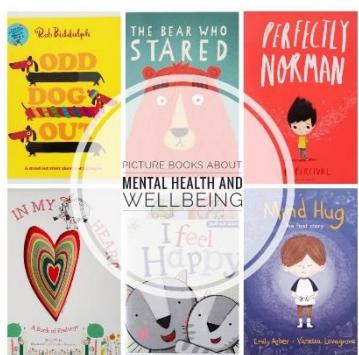
- Respect
- Resilience

Teachers will be using a variety of texts to discuss and develop these values with learners throughout this term.

Stories to Support Wellbeing:

As part of our commitment to developing positive wellbeing amongst pupils and their families, we have purchased a range of picture books and short stories dealing with themes such as:

- Loss and Separation
- Family diversity
- Emotions
- Resilience and Growth Mindset



If you feel that you would like to borrow any of these texts to support your child, at home, please do not hesitate to speak with a member of the teaching team.

Cook-a-long sessions

We are pleased to have been able to continue our family learning and engagement, during lockdown, and have had 38 families join us for our Virtual Cook-a-long Sessions. These sessions will continue to run, in partnership with the Co-op, throughout the coming term.



Important Upcoming Dates:

- Monday 15th March – Expected return of P4-7 pupils.
- Thursday 1st April – Last day of the Easter Term. Schools will close to pupils and staff on Friday 2nd April.
- Monday 19th April – First day of the Summer Term.

I hope that you've found this newsletter informative, however, as always, should you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Denise Penman

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