



News Update Sept 2015

Please read our news update below...Lots of important issues!

Please get in touch if you want to discuss anything further.

Bringing Your Property to School

As previously stated on the Back to School Checklist and in the School Handbook—the school does not take any responsibility for the loss or damage of personal property.

However - pupils should be able to expect their property to be untouched by others unless permission has been asked.

If an item is borrowed it should be returned to the owner as it was found.

Please talk to your child about taking care of their own and other's property— it is important that we all respect and look after our own and others property.

At the moment pupils are bringing scooters, bikes and green machines to school. Brilliant! Helmets must be worn. All items should be chained securely if staying in school overnight. Property is left at your own risk! One bicycle lay unlocked all weekend - we think you were very lucky that it was there on Monday morning!!

WATER BOTTLES - children can bring a water bottle for drinking out of during class time. **Only water—no juice!** Pupils can fill their bottle at the water cooler at the office.

First Aid and Medical Forms

We have a number of staff trained to carry out first aid in school. Mrs Queen and Miss Dale are the designated First aiders. With Mrs Queen being very experienced! However, all staff have a duty of care to pupils and will attend if needed.

In school we will judge whether a pupil needs ice on a bump, or a plaster on a cut. We can wipe around the cut but deeper cleaning needs to take place at home. Cuts and bumps should always be checked again by parents / carers.

Parents will be informed and a slips will now be issued if pupils have a bump to the head.

We will call parents if an injury is more serious and ask them to call into school or to seek further medical advice.

Please note that you must put all child's allergies etc. on to the annual medical form even if on the previous year's form. If you don't they are no longer listed.

Please ensure medical information is up by informing the school immediately if any changes.

SOCIAL MEDIA

At the weekend one of our pupils tried to friend a member of staff on Facebook. In line with Child Protection Procedures it is never appropriate for staff and pupils to become friends on a social media site. Please report any concerns to Miss Dale.

We would ask that parents monitor closely pupils online because it can be a fun filled, exciting and risky place to venture!

Pupils in the senior class have recently been discussing how to stay safe online and P7 learned more at Operation Safety.

The community police officer has offered to come into school to carry out internet safety workshops with pupils - we can run an evening session for parents. Please get in touch if this would be useful to you.

It is also worth noting that:

The Local Authority has a robust policy on social media which all staff must adhere to.

Photographs of staff or other pupils should not be taken or placed on a social media site.

Negative comments about the school or staff can result in legal action being taken if posted on a social media site. Please come in and discuss them with us instead!!

TEXT

Please do not text reply to school unless the message asks you to as we are using a tool called Group call. It is not always up and running and we may miss your important text.

Please call the school to be sure we have your message. If the phone is not answered the machine picks up and we will check it regularly.

We are looking into replacing the cordless phone in the office with a mobile phone. We will text you and let you know when it is in place!

Please call the school before 9.15am if your child is going to be off school.

It is a parental responsibility to contact the school to let us know your child is safe at home.

No call? We will call you to check that your child is safe and that you know where they are.

Please be sure to call and let us know first thing in the morning !