

Dear Parents/ Carers,



We are currently following updated guidance provided by the authority. We need parents/carers to work with us. In order to support our school to remain open, it is vital that we all work together to ensure our school community do not become complacent. We all have a role to play in ensuring our children are able to attend school, stay safe and be able to learn.

Within School

- Children are within class bubbles. These are the children they learn with, eat lunch with and play outside with.
- Each class has a dedicated area of the playground and a member of staff to supervise.
- Children wash/sanitise their hands several times throughout the day.
- Children have individual packs of resources. Where certain resources need to be shared they are sanitised between use or are quarantined for up to 72 hours.
- Where more than one class may need to be together there is always a 2m distance maintained between the classes



Learning

- The main focus within school is literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.
- Children may speak about doing short computer tests or assessments. This is for us to find out where our pupils are at in their learning and to ensure we are providing the correct targeted support for those who require it.
- Children are spending more time outside doing outdoor learning, daily mile and PE. Gym indoors is still not permitted. We will keep you informed of any changes to this.

In School Support

- We are fortunate to have 2 pupil support teachers, Mrs Daubney (Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Ryding (Thursday/Friday). We also have a full time Covid recovery teacher, Miss Caldwell. These staff are here to support individuals and groups of children with literacy and numeracy and to create additional challenge for able children. Mrs Kay will continue to support health and wellbeing in the school.

Support from Parents

- Please continue to arrive as close to 9am as possible and drop and leave children at the gates. Staff will be in the playground to supervise.
- Please do not congregate around the school gates as this makes it difficult for children to enter the playground. Some children and parents have raised concerns about being unable to get past on the pavement and children having to step onto the road.
- Please be careful when parking around the school as children have noted some cars mounting the pavement at speed, causing danger to children walking to school. We have spoken with all children around the dangers of crossing the road and ways to keep themselves safe. You may hear them mention 'STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK!'
- Our Parent Council do a huge amount of work for the school and we rely on their support with raising funds for additional opportunities for our children and supporting school improvements. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions Parent Council meetings will need to take place via digital platforms. If you are interested in joining our Parent Council please contact the school for further information.



What is going on?

We appreciate it is very difficult for many parents to understand what children have been doing in school and I'm sure many of you probably get the same message "nothing" "we didn't do anything today" so we appreciate we need to look at new ways to communicate with parents now that you are unable to come into the school. We miss our open afternoons and our class helpers.

We will be sending out class newsletters before the October holiday. This will let you see what your child's class have been learning about and it will have a guide to what they will be doing in the following term. Often pictures will be put onto our twitter page.

We always ask that if you have any concerns please phone us straight away or catch a member of management at the gate for a socially distanced chat. This ensures that we can deal with any issues effectively.

Potential Positive Case in school

We are doing everything we can to minimise the risk of any cases within the school, so it is therefore vitally important you follow the guidance regarding symptoms and testing and keep the school informed. In the case of a positive test, the school will

contact the test and protect team and will follow their guidance, you will be notified as soon as possible. This is likely to be through Group call or expressions app as this is the quickest form of communication. Please ensure we have your most up to date email and mobile number. In the event of a class being asked to self-isolate we have digital contingency plans in place to support children. We are ever hopeful that it will not have to come to this.

School Lunches

Hot lunches will start on Tuesday 22nd September. We are in fortunate position to offer a full menu. Please see attached the menu of options available and feel free to discuss these with your child.



P1/2 (Mrs Bell), P2/3 (Mrs Cassells) and P3/4 (Mrs Stevenson) - These classes will rotate through the dinner hall in their bubbles. They will order their lunch when they arrive at the hall.

P4/5 (Mr Fyfe), P5/6 (Miss Clive) and P6/7 (Mrs Forbes) - These classes will order their lunch in the morning and their lunches will be served to their classrooms.

We will continue to review these arrangements.

I would just like to say that the children have settled and adapted really well to being back at school. We can't underestimate the impact such a lengthy time away from school can have. We have recently received some lovely comments on how well behaved and respectful our children have been. I thank you all again for supporting the school and hope that everyone has a lovely long weekend. We look forward to welcoming all our children back on Tuesday 22nd September.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss S Flint

Acting Head Teacher