



Weekly Newsletter

Issue 06

12th October 2020

Dear Parents,

Many thanks for your continued support during these times. I have returned to school from an enforced absence of two weeks (to recover from a small operation) to find school buzzing with activity and children and staff working so hard. We have had many successes with our current procedures and would like to thank parents in particular for observing our staggered start and pick up times. This has led to a steady flow of parent traffic in which social distancing can be easily followed. This has meant we have avoided many issues other primary schools have had at these times.

I am also delighted to report that our current attendance is **97.45%** which is the highest in any previous six-week period we have had. This speaks volumes for the school where everyone is eager to catch up for lost time. The teaching staff have been working incredibly hard and have had to compromise and find new ways of working within the class bubbles. However, their dedication and commitment to our children is astounding. They are embracing new ways of delivering the curriculum with our 'Read Write Inc' phonics system already having a dramatic impact. The staff have assessed where children are and are adapting the curriculum to meet the needs and catch up any lost learning quickly.

Our class bubble system is working very well and this is enabling us to minimise the risk and subsequent impact of an outbreak. We have had many local schools have positive cases and we are all working together to learn from these. We have been lucky so far but please be assured that school is well prepared in the case of notification of a confirmed case. We are hoping that in such an event our hard work will limit the amount of people needing to isolate but ultimately we would have to follow the advice given by Public Health England.

There is always a fine balance to strike between restrictions and enabling normal school functions. The learning we have has enabled us to plan further our normal curriculum offer to include swimming for our Year 4 cohort in the first instance. Considerable planning has gone into this and we are pleased that we can maintain our class bubbles and still attend swimming. Further details of this will be with you in due course.

We are also pleased to say that we have reviewed our lunchtime provision to offer hot options. This will mean that the dinner hall can be used for Reception and KS1 in separate sittings, whilst KS2 children will continue to use their classrooms. There will be 2 options next week and 3 options the following week so that we can hopefully offer this daily from after half term. We encourage you to ask your children to try one of these options as we all know a hot lunch is so beneficial particularly when the cold weather sets in.

This can only happen due to the flexibility and hard work of our kitchen and lunchtime staff – they have been incredibly resilient and open to change during these times and I would like to share my thanks to them for their continued hard work.

We know things aren't perfect and that we have had to make many compromises. We are frustrated for example that we are unable to host parental consultations as normal at this time of year. We are working on finding a suitable solution and will update you accordingly in the coming weeks.

However, our early successes are down to our Learning Family ethos and working together. It is why we are confident that whatever comes our way, we will get through it together.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Mr Osborne

Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - SCHOOL NAME child(ren) can continue to attend. 	...child can continue to attend school

<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. <p><u>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)</u> – for up to date travel information</p>	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the current <u>Exempt countries and territories list</u> to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	<p>... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).</p>
<p>...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>). 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
<p>...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	<p>...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.</p>
<p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p><i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i></p>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>

Autumn Term 2020

Inset day: Tuesday 1st September (children are not in school) school focus

Term starts: Wednesday 2nd September

Inset day: Friday 23rd October (children are not in school) school focus

Half term: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Inset day: Monday 30th November (children are not in school) ATLP focus

Term ends: Friday 18th December

Holiday: Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January

Spring Term 2021

Inset day: Monday 4th January (children are not in school) school focus

Term starts: Tuesday 5th January

Inset day: Friday 12th February (children are not in school) school focus

Half term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Inset day: Monday 15th March (children are not in school) ATLP focus

Term ends: Thursday 1st April

Holiday: Friday 2nd April - Friday 16th April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 4th April

Summer Term 2021

Term starts: Monday 19th April

Inset day: Friday 30th April (children are not in school) ATLP focus

May Day: Monday 3rd May

Half term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Inset day: Monday 5th July (children are not in school) school focus

Term ends: Wednesday 21st July

Holiday: Thursday 22nd July - Tuesday 31st August

Name		Class	
Week 1	Week Beginning 12.10.2020		Daily Special
<i>Monday</i>	Cheese Sandwich Carrot Sticks Fruit Slices Ice Cream or Cake	Turkey Sandwich Carrot Sticks Fruit Slices Ice Cream or Cake	Tuna Mayo Wrap Carrot Sticks Fruit Slices Ice Cream or Cake
<i>Tuesday</i>	Ham Sandwich Cucumber Sticks Apple Ice Cream or Cake	Egg Mayonnaise Cucumber Sticks Apple Ice Cream or Cake	Chicken & Sweetcorn Wrap Cucumber Sticks Apple Ice Cream or Cake
<i>Wednesday</i>	<u>HOT OPTION</u> Pasta Bolognese Pasta Pot Ice Cream or Cake	Chicken Caesar Wrap Carrot Sticks Orange Ice Cream or Cake	Soft Cheese & Cucumber Wrap Carrot Sticks Orange Ice Cream or Cake
<i>Thursday</i>	Ham Sandwich Cherry Tomatoes Fruit Slices Ice Cream or Cake	Club Sandwich Cherry Tomatoes Fruit Slices Ice Cream or Cake	Houmous & Veg Wrap Cherry Tomatoes Fruit Slices Ice Cream or Cake
<i>Friday</i>	Cheese Sandwich Cucumber Sticks Banana Ice Cream or Cake	Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato Sandwich Cucumber Sticks Banana Ice Cream or Cake	<u>HOT OPTION</u> Fish Fingers & Chips Ice Cream or Cake
Subject to availability			