



School Re-Opening

I hope that you enjoyed a good half term break. Both the children and staff are delighted to be back in school again.

DE have advised that given the current restrictions, PE can only be provided outdoors in a maximum group of 15. I am seeking urgent clarification of this situation. Unfortunately, this means that there will be no PE lessons until DE advise us otherwise. I am happy for children to continue to wear their sports gear on PE days and it is my hope that DE will resolve this situation very quickly.

Please read the information opposite very carefully as we endeavour to keep everyone safe and to ensure that school can stay open.

Learning Packs

As you are aware we sent home 10-day learning packs before we finished for half term. You were encouraged to complete Day 1 & Day 2 on Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 October (or any day which suited you best). Please keep the packs safe and can I re-iterate, that;

CHILDREN SHOULD NOT COMPLETE ANY OTHER WORK IN THE PACK AS DAYS 3-10 WILL BE USED SHOULD THERE BE A FURTHER SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO COVID-19 OR IF A 'BUBBLE BURSTS' (BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN A POSITIVE CASE IN THAT CLASS) AND CHILDREN ARE DIRECTED NOT TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

School Dinners

Due to the non-delivery of certain food orders, the school dinner menu will have to be adjusted this week. Please ignore any previous menus for this week. The menu will be as follows:

Monday – Fish fingers, peas, chips/baked potato with fresh fruit and yoghurt.

Tuesday – Chicken Curry, boiled rice, naan, carrot sticks with muffin & milkshake.

Wednesday – Roast turkey, stuffing, carrots, peas, mashed potato, roast potato with jelly & fruit.

Thursday – Spaghetti Bolognese, carrot batons, crusty bread with chocolate flavoured cookie & fresh fruit.

Friday – Steak Burger, cubed potatoes with frozen yoghurt & fresh fruit.

HANDS, FACE, SPACE

HANDS - It is more important than ever that we continue to ensure good hand hygiene at all times. All children should wash their hands before leaving for school in the morning. They will continue to be greeted by classroom assistants who will provide them with hand sanitiser and they will also be expected to wash their hands when they enter the classroom. Teachers will ensure that all children hand sanitise and wash their hands regularly throughout the day. **ALL CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE A PERSONAL HAND SANITISER IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.**

FACE - Primary school children are not expected to wear masks in school, although they may choose to do so if they wish. **I WOULD ASK THAT FROM TODAY ONWARDS ALL PARENTS/CARERS WEAR MASKS AS THEY DROP OFF AND COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN EACH DAY.** This isn't something that I can enforce and I do appreciate that there are people who are exempt from wearing masks, however, I do feel that in order to keep everyone safe and to ensure that we can keep school open I would really value your support in this matter. I don't particularly enjoy wearing a mask at all, however if this reduces the potential spread of COVID, allowing us to keep school open, then I am prepared to wear a mask each day in the playground.

SPACE – It is absolutely vital that when **DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING CHILDREN, PARENTS/CARERS MAINTAIN 2M SOCIAL DISTANCE AT ALL TIMES.** One of the reasons cited by DE for closing schools a week early for half term was that parents weren't following social distancing guidelines. Again I would really value your support in this matter and if you can return to your car in between collecting children that would also be very helpful.