

Newsletter Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back and thank you for your co-operation with the changes to the drop off and collection times which, I am sure you will agree, are working much better. These will continue to be reviewed.

We ask you again, to ensure that you and your children are adhering to social distancing at all times. From Monday 21st September 2020 your child must walk next to you whenever walking around the school. Children must not run off, nobody should walk up the grass bank and the green markers must be adhered to. We are doing our best to avoid having to go back to drop off and collection in class bubbles and appreciate everybody's help to ensure this doesn't need to happen.

It continues to be crucial that you adhere to the drop off and collection times that you have been given, even when the weather is cold, raining, etc. Please delay leaving home or wait in your car, if necessary, until the correct time. For the safety of all our children, please do not park on the zig zags outside school.

If you are struggling to drop off or collect at your allocated times, please be reminded that Breakfast Club and After School Club are both operating at very reasonable cost.

Our Risk Assessment will continually be reviewed and updates will be sent out again next week. Please take the time to read all correspondence carefully. Should any situation arise and it be necessary to communicate with you this will come directly from the school via letter. Please refrain from speculation via social media.

Illness/Symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus in children are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of the main symptoms or coronavirus:

- 1) Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- 2) Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

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The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: 0800 046 8687. (Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, Saturday and Sunday from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm).

If your child is not attending school for either covid or non-covid reasons, please ensure you continue to report their absence in the normal way.

School Lunches

All school packed lunch orders must be placed via Parentpay even if your child is entitled to a free school meal. If you have not ordered and/or have missed the Parentpay deadline, please ensure you supply your child with a packed lunch each day. As lunches are prepared off site, we are supplied with enough meals to cover orders that have been placed on Parentpay.

School Communication

Letters home will continue to be sent via Parentpay. Groupcall text messages will be sent for urgent messages. If you don't have access to a Parentpay account, please contact the main office. Whole school letters and Newsletters are also on the school website. www.elm-academy.org.uk

Acceptable Behaviour

At this unprecedented time, if your child's behaviour puts other children or staff at risk you may be asked to collect them from school and their place at school may be subject to review.

Sadly, some of our staff members have recently been subject to rudeness and verbal abuse. Please be reminded that we will not tolerate rudeness or aggressive behaviour either face-to-face or by telephone.

Good Morning

Whilst being on the gate each day it has been lovely to be welcomed by parents and children with a smile and a "Good Morning". It definitely brightens my day!

Kind regards,

Mrs Fish
Principal

Important Dates for the Diary:

Autumn Term

Half term
Pupil's last day

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2020
Friday 18th December 2020

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