

Newsletter Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for your continued co-operation with the drop off and collection times.

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. On wet days, Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 children can be left with the Senior Leadership Team at the gate and will be seen into school by other members of the team. We are also happy to escort siblings into nursery if they are happy to come with us.

If you are late and the door is already shut, please follow the one-way system around the school back round to the late door and wait there for a member of staff that can let you in.

Any messages for Teachers can be given to Senior Leaders on the gate in order to avoid delaying Parents at the entrance doors.

Our Risk Assessment will continually be reviewed and any updates will be sent out, if necessary. Since the last review we have introduced the wearing of masks for all parents while on site and appreciate your continued adherence to this.

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.

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

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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 only supplied with enough meals to cover orders that have been placed on Parentpay.

Space Week

On Friday 9th October 2020 children should come to school dressed up in Space themed costumes. There is no charge. On this day they will complete a range of scientific activities linked to National Space Week.

Halloween Mufti

On Friday 23rd October 2020 children can come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes for a £1 donation. Please do not send in any props ie swords, guns, etc.

Walk to School

Next week is "Walk to School Week". If children walk to school they will have the opportunity to earn badges to support a healthy lifestyle.

Flu Immunisation Programme

Further information will follow about this once final details have been confirmed.

Half Term

Children will finish for half term on Friday 23rd October 2020 and return to school on Tuesday 3rd November 2020.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fish
Principal

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Important Dates for the Diary:

Autumn Term

Space Day Dress Up
Halloween Mufti
Half term
Inset Day
Pupil's last day

Friday 9th October 2020
Friday 23rd October 2020
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020
Friday 18th December 2020

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