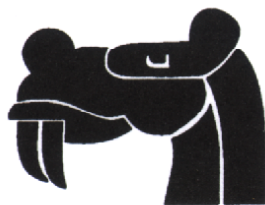


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Dear Parents/Carers

The beginning of term has started to fly by, it is hard to believe that September is almost over. All of the staff have been very impressed with how well the children have managed the return to school. It is lovely to see how enthusiastic they are in their approach to school and how much they are enjoying being back in class learning and playing with their friends.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to provide a few reminders and some updates for you.

## **People displaying symptoms**

**NOBODY** should attend school if they, or a member of their household, are ill with symptoms suggestive of Covid-19.

If a child becomes ill in school, they will be isolated in a well-ventilated room, parents will be telephoned and asked to collect their child, along with any siblings, immediately. If parents receive a call we would ask and expect that they take their child without trying to argue that it is not the virus. Parents should then arrange a test for their child and notify the school of the results as soon as possible.

## **Lunches**

We are now able to offer a hot lunch service to all of our classes.

Children in our Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently entitled to a free school meal under the Government's Universal Free School Meals scheme (UFSM).

Children in KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6) have to pay for school meals (unless parents are receiving certain benefits). Meals should be paid for weekly in advance on the first morning of the school week via the School Gateway App. Parents who wish to pay half-termly or termly in advance are very welcome to do so. The current cost of meals is £2.50 per day.

## **Photographs**

We have arranged for children to have individual photographs taken in school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October as the company we use has a very robust Covid-19 risk assessment, however we will not be offering an opportunity for siblings to have photographs taken together.

## **Appropriate Clothing**

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions all of our PE lessons are outside for the time being. There is rain forecast for the rest of this week so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor PE. We would only cancel an outdoor PE lesson if the rain is torrential!

On a similar point, Covid-19 requires that our classrooms are well ventilated, this means that doors and windows must stay open whatever the weather. As the weather is forecast to become cooler this week, please ensure that your child comes dressed in nice warm clothes.



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## **Drop Off and Pick Up**

It is lovely to see the vast majority of parents are following the guidance we have set out. Given that the number of Covid-19 cases are rising within our community it is important that we all work together to make the Drop Off and Pick Up process as safe as possible.

So here are a couple of reminders:

- Please enter via the small pedestrian gate and leave by the big carpark gates.
- Please do not stop in the pedestrian gate to say goodbye to your child as this stops others from entering school – come all the way in and use the one way system.
- **Stick strictly to your allotted time - please do not be tempted to arrive at school too early.**
- Social distance at all times and leave the school site as soon as possible, please do not congregate at the school gates for a chat.

## **Homework**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have had to rethink how we set homework and have decided that from October half term we will be setting homework for pupils in Y1 to Y6 through Purple Mash. Homework will be set every Monday with an expectation that it is completed by the following Monday. We will continue to support Home Learning in EYFS through Tapestry.

## **Parents Evening**

We will be holding Parent Teacher consultations on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of November. Due to Covid-19 restrictions these will need to be virtual meetings. We are currently liaising with providers that support this way of working and will confirm further details with you as soon as possible.

## **Parking**

Please **do not** attempt to drive into Nunsbury Dr to drop off, with many of the residents now working from home, it is extremely congested. Please use the Bull's Head carpark and walk the short distance to school.

Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support and co-operation.

Kind Regards

*Lee-Ann Britten*

Headteacher

