

COVID update: Please can I reassure you that parents would be informed immediately if there is a positive test in any class across the school. There are clear procedures that I have to follow if a parent informs me that their child has tested positive. There are both Government and Local Authority guidelines, processes and procedures with standard actions.

It is recommended that parents show school the test results.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, support and goodwill.

General reminders and information:

Mobile Phones: We understand that parents might want their child to have a mobile phone if they are walking to and from school alone. However, it is **absolutely essential** that these phones are handed in to the office at the start of the day, and collected at the end of the day. No phones must ever be left in a bag and no phone must ever be used during the school day. I know you understand the safeguarding reasons behind this rule and appreciate your support.

Music teachers: We have reduced the numbers of visitors to the minimum, especially limiting those visitors who might go to many different schools and have contact with many different pupils. To this end, there are no music lessons taking place – we hope to reintroduce these in January but need to be guided by the current situation.

For the same reasons, our after-school games coaching has been stopped with the hope that we can start up our boys and girls teams in January.

Flu vaccinations: Intra-Health are coming to school on Tuesday 29th September to administer the nasal flu vaccination for all our pupils. You will have received paperwork this week and it is very important that this is returned to school before the date of the vaccinations.

PE Kits: Thank you for your support in sending your children into school on the set PE days in their kits.

Uniform: Please can I remind parents that having uniformed clearly named – especially cardigans and jumpers. It is impossible for us to return unnamed cardigans and jumpers. A sharpie pen is best as it does not fade in the wash. Thank you for your help in this matter. As the weather changes, please ensure that all coats and jackets are also named.

Bag2School: As a way to raise money for our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) we collect unwanted clothes, towels, bedding. These can be brought to school on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th

October. You can bring unwanted items in bin bags. The company Bag2School weighs the bags and then pays us per kilo. This is an excellent and easy way to raise funds. So start collecting old and unwanted clothing, towels and bedding.

Secondary School Applications: All our Year 6 pupils need to have made a decision about their Secondary School by 31st October. It is completed via an online application form. If parents want advice or guidance on this process, do please email me. I would urge Year 5 families to start looking at secondary school choices this term too.

I am now taking appointments for a personalised Tour of our school for the Reception 2021 intake. Do spread the word amongst your friends!