

Dear Families

Pupil/Staff Illness

Already we have been hit with the normal back to school bugs, sore throats and runny noses. Once again we thank you for your vigilance and cautious approach. A reminder that a pupil and their siblings need to remain at home and a COVID test arranged if displaying one of the three possible symptoms: The most common symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- A new, continuous cough
- A fever/high temperature
- A change or loss in taste and or/ smell.

This is the best and latest advice we have received from NHS and ELC.

PE Changing of Clothes

Please send your child ready to undertake PE on a Tuesday and Thursday. All PE will be outdoors unless the weather is really bad when it will be moved indoors for a skilled based approach. Being ready for PE outdoors is advised: joggers, leggings, sweatshirt and trainers and of course a waterproof jacket.

Building Resilience P1-P7

We are once again starting this programme which complements our school ethos and supports mental wellbeing. I attach the original communication regarding the programme. We have used the first couple of weeks of term to revisit Unit 1- Be Resilient and next week introduce Unit 2 – Keep Connected. I also attach information about these two units. Keep Connected is a very timely unit as it complements fully our Recovery, Reconnect and Nurture approach. Building Resilience learning is shared through assemblies, class lessons and homework which will be sent home soon.

Homework P1-P7

We will resume sending learning home the week beginning the 7th September. We intend to use google classroom to communicate what needs to be undertaken and aim that most learning can then be submitted back through google classroom. We will also resume sending home reading books. These can be brought back and forth to school but this resource should not be shared with anyone else in the classroom. When books are returned to us they will be quarantined for 72 hours before they are put back into circulation. There will be an online training for families on **Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm** for 30 minutes to demonstrate how to support your child in using google classroom, this might be particularly pertinent for new families to the school.

Meet the Teacher and Curriculum Talk from HT

This is now an annual event held in Sept. This year we plan to do it remotely. Each class teacher P2-P7 will share with families' information about their routines, learning, approaches etc this will be shared via e-mail. All families are invited to an online meeting with myself and Mrs Craig (Principal Teacher) on **Tuesday 8th September @ 6.30pm** for 30-45 minutes in this meeting we will hold a Q&A session, discuss our Digital Approach and share our School Improvement Plan Priorities- which include updated assessment procedures.

P1 Meeting

Instead of written information being sent home we invite all P1 families to an online meeting with Mrs Mackay and myself on **Monday 14th September at 6.30pm**. We will be able to share our approach to learning and what is taught and routines in P1 there will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

Nursery

The nursery are in the process of establishing the new routines and settling our new children into nursery life. Dinosaurs and wild animals are featuring most days and staff are following up the interests.



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them in school every day. We strongly encourage water only in the bottles.

Kind Regards

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