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Prayer of the Week

Let's pause to express thanks for the good things in our lives:

- For people who have given us love and friendship, encouragement and support...
- for our talents and health, and the opportunities that come to us....
- for the beauty that we see, and the inspiration we receive...

Amen



WELCOME BACK: I don't think we have ever had a start to the new academic year like this one. We are not used to the hustle and bustle of a whole school but it has been so wonderful to see all of the children back. There has been a great feeling of joy and relief that the term has started with such positivity.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP: Thank you for your support and working with the school to develop our systems and routines. There may be some changes until we feel the systems are as good as they possibly can be. Therefore we have made changes to the drop off and collection times. If you are being asked to collect your child at an earlier time and you cannot make this please do not worry. There will be a member of staff in the playground with your child until 3.35pm.

A letter will be going home to year 6 parents to sign if they wish their children to go home on their own.

A reminder about a few things which will help.

- Only one adult to collect a child/children.
- Please try to come within your time slot.
- If you have any questions please email or call the school. It is impossible to chat to parents whilst trying to keep the queue moving. If it is something important I am happy to meet with you outside of the drop off time. You may also make an appointment to meet with the class teacher.

Children must now be **collected in year groups**. **Siblings will be sent home with the oldest child**. For example, if you have a child in year 6 and year 2 they should both be picked up at 3.05pm. They will be waiting in the playground together. If you are a child minder and you are picking up children from different year groups you must let the office know so that we can make sure the children are ready. We will start this today and trial it for all of next week and review next Friday. Please be mindful of other people and keep your distance where possible. **DO NOT** jump the queue. We are a nation of people who like to queue but get very upset when people push in front. This is a constant source of upset for children too.

Please see the new timetable below:

Staggered Start

Nursery AM - 8.30am – 11.40am

Year 6 & Year 5 8.30am

Year 4 & Year 3- 8.40am

Year 2 & Year 1 – 8.50am

Reception – 9.00am

Staggered Finish

Year 6 – 3.05pm

Year 5 – 3.10pm

Year 4 – 3.15pm

Year 3 – 3.20pm

Year 2 – 3.25pm

Year 1 – 3.30pm

Reception 3.35pm

Nursery PM - 12.40pm – 3.40pm

TEST AND TRACE: Testing is available to anyone with symptoms. A test can be booked online or over the telephone through 119.

Priority is given to those adults/children with symptoms and you should only ask for a test if you develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell,

or

- you are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)

If a pupil, student or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. Unless a pupil, student or staff member has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed otherwise by the local authority, health protection team or their GP.

As schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students don't need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

CYCLING TO SCHOOL: A number of children cycled to school today which is wonderful. However please be aware that we are trying to keep to the bubbles as much as we can throughout the school days but when your child collects his/her bike they may come into contact with someone from another bubble.

MEDICAL NEEDS: If your child has a high temperature (38 or above) they **MUST** stay at home until the temperature has reduced. If they also have a new and persistent cough or have lost their sense of smell or taste you should take them for a test. You should inform the school of the outcome of the test, whether positive or negative.

All other medical needs will be administered as normal. If your child becomes unwell at school and we do not believe they are well enough to remain in school, we will contact you to collect them. A reminder that if a child vomits they will need to stay at home for 48 hours to ensure the bug has left their system.

UNIFORM: I understand that it has been difficult for some parents to access the school uniform so we will be lenient until Monday 14th September. After this day letters will be sent home. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that children come to school in the correct uniform. If they cannot do so for any reason you should notify the school.

Please remember that children **MUST** wear sensible black shoes and girls **MUST** wear blue tights or white socks only.

White shirts not polo shirts must be worn with the school tie.

PE: On PE days your child will be asked to come to school in their PE kit. Therefore you will need to buy a blue sweatshirt and jogging bottoms as well as a blue T-Shirt and shorts for when the weather is hot. These should be worn under the sweatshirt and jogging bottoms. Trainers may be worn on PE days. You will be told, next week which day your child has PE.

DIARY DATES: These will be sent home the week beginning 14th September. At the moment we have very few dates to share with you.

May God keep you safe in the palm of his hands!



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