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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

I hope you found the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings useful this week. You will be able to find the PowerPoint and class newsletter posted on Google Classroom where they will remain for you to refer to during the term. It was good that so many of you were able to join us. If your child has just joined in Reception, I hope you too have found conversations with the class teachers helpful in informing you of how your child has settled in and what you can do to help them in the coming weeks.

Keeping COVID-19 Safe:

I trust the letter emailed out to you on Tuesday was informative and provided a useful reminder of how you can continue to look after your family and support us while we battle against COVID-19. I can assure you that we are continually reviewing our procedures and, when necessary, putting in place additional measures to keep everyone at our school safe. Thank you for remaining vigilant and supporting us in those efforts to keep our community protected.

The situation earlier in the week shows that we must remain cautious. The letter you were sent on 1st September summarised our risk assessment which can be found on our website and outlined what you can do to help us; please refer to it if you haven't already. Monitoring your child's health and not sending them in if they show any symptoms of coronavirus is crucial as is acting quickly to get a PCR test should you be in any doubt. We will continue to keep you informed of situations as they develop but if you are ever unsure of how to respond, please do contact the office to seek clarification before sending your child in. Schools are no longer required to manage contact tracing, this falls to the NHS with the following rules applying.

Exemptions from Isolation:

From 16 August, you are not required to self-isolate if you are notified you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 if:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Anyone who has been notified by NHS Test and Trace that they are a close contact who meets the requirement not to self-isolate and is 5 or over, is still advised to get a PCR test. However, they do not need to isolate whilst awaiting the result unless, of course, symptoms appear.

What to do in the Case of Testing Positive for COVID-19:

Infectious period: Two days before the onset of symptoms to ten days after the onset of symptoms. If asymptomatic, two days before the date the first positive test was taken to ten days afterwards.

Isolation period for Cases:

- **Symptomatic:** Your isolation period includes the day your symptoms started and the next 10 full days. E.g. if your symptoms started at any time on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs. on the 25th of the month.
- **Asymptomatic:** In the absence of symptoms, isolation starts from the date of the positive COVID-19 test and continues for ten full days after this. E.g. if a positive test was taken any time on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs. on the 25th of the month. For self-administered LFD tests (i.e. tests taken at home rather than at school or other assisted testing site) the legal duty to self-isolate is from a PCR test date which may result in cases isolating longer than ten days if the date of the positive PCR test was taken was after the LFD positive test. People should get a PCR test as soon as possible after an LFD test, ideally on the same day where possible.

Staff/children who test positive for coronavirus should NOT attend the setting. They can attend if they still have a cough but no temperature and it is more than 10 days since the date of onset.

If a person who has previously tested positive for COVID-19 receives a negative result from a PCR or lateral flow test within the 10-day isolation period, they are NOT ALLOWED to come out of isolation until the full 10-day isolation period (see above) has passed. This means that if your child tests positive for COVID-19, under no circumstances should they return to school until the full 10-day isolation period has passed.

Parking:

The arrangements for drop-off continue to work well; thank you for ensuring your child arrives within the 15-minute window (8:45 – 9:00). This shorter time frame means that the lane has become more congested. It is helpful if you can make the journey on foot but if there is a need to park a vehicle please be considerate of our neighbours and avoid parking across driveways. Please also be mindful of pedestrians and avoid parking close to junctions or on pavements which forces those walking, sometimes with younger children in buggies, to step onto the road. Thank you. We have had a complaint from a neighbour. Please do not block the lane next to the school.

Pick – Up:

If someone other than yourself is collecting your child, please email or phone the office in plenty of time to inform us. Do also let us know in writing if you grant permission for your child to walk home on their own.

Uniform:

The majority of children are arriving dressed very smartly in school uniform. However, some are less smart on P.E. days. We would rather not return to changing into P.E. kit during the school day especially as changing takes up so much of a P.E. lesson. Therefore, can you help us by taking note of our school P.E. uniform and send your child in with only the specified items of kit. Our uniform for P.E. lessons is as follows:

- white polo shirt
- **navy** shorts (girls may choose to wear a navy skirt)
- white sports socks
- black plimsolls (for indoor P.E. sessions)
- trainers (for outdoor P.E. sessions)
- **navy** tracksuit
- Gum shields & shin pads for the term when hockey is taught

Regardless of whether it's a P.E. day, children are not permitted to wear excessive jewellery. A watch, a simple small crucifix around the neck and stud earrings for the girls only are permitted. Nail varnish is forbidden. On P.E. days, all jewellery should be left at home. Long hair should always be tied back with hair bands, hair ties and hair slides being strictly functional and navy blue, light blue or white in colour. All kit should be clearly named. Thank you so much for your support in this.

Swimming:

Next week Year 4 begin a 12-week swimming course at Braywick Leisure Centre. If you have a child in Year 4 please refer to the letter which was sent out earlier in the week.

Healthy Snacks:

Please do not send cereal bars as a snack, as there is a risk of nuts and they have a high level of sugar. The preferred snack would be a piece of fruit please.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Thank you for your patience while we gather information, including risk assessments, from club providers. Please see attached details of which clubs we will initially be offering and how you go about booking your child a place.

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's newsletter; I trust the information is clear especially that related to COVID-19 but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

14 th September	Year 4 begin their swimming course
21 st September	School Photographer (individuals and siblings)
24 th September	Macmillian Event (details to follow)
28 th September	Cygnets First Class Photo
5 th October	Henley Literacy Virtual Festival (Year 3) Author Zanib Mian
7 th October	Henley Literacy Virtual Festival (Year R) Author Smriti Halls
8 th October	Henley Literacy Virtual Festival (Year 1 and 2) Dr Shini Somora
8 th October	Henley Literacy Virtual Festival (Year 4, 5 and 6) Michael Morpurgo
13 th October	Phonics Workshop
14 th October	Harvest Service
18 th – 22 nd October	Science Week
	Open House to allow you to visit your child's classroom and see their work:
	○ Monday 18 th – Year 1, 5 & 6
	○ Tuesday 19 th – Year 4
	○ Wednesday 20 th – Year 2
	○ Thursday 21 st – Year 3
	○ Friday 22 nd - EYFS



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