



Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Reminders:** INSET 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

I can't believe we are at the end of our second week in school. I can honestly say that the children have settled so quickly into the new systems and routines that we have in school. The classrooms are all very calm and there is a super focus on learning. Well done everyone!

Thankyou for your cooperation with the start and end of the school day and I hope you appreciate the necessity for some of the changes that we have already made. We have staggered times for a reason, which is to ensure there is less crowding on the playground and in the general area around school. If your child is a later drop off, please remember that you have from 8.50 until 9.00am to arrive in school and the doors will remain open until this time.

From Monday, we would like to split **Year 5** start and end times slightly. We ask that:

**Willow** class arrive from 8.40 – 8.50am and are collected from 3.10pm

**Rowan** class arrive from 8.50 – 9.00am and are collected from 3.20pm

On arrival at the end of the day the parents should wait inside the gates of the back carpark in the marked area. We believe this will ease some of the congestion on the footpath at pick up time



### **School Care Club – The Tree House**

At the end of the Summer term we asked parents to sign up for before and after school club for this half term. If you are unsure what sessions you booked, please contact the office to clarify. Unless your child is ill/ isolating, you will be charged for sessions booked as explained in the information at the time. If you booked sessions and shifts have changed it is important you notify the office so that changes can be made. However at least two week's notice needs to be given.



### **Praise / Celebration**

There are many things in school that have to be done differently due to the current measures in place. One of these is our weekly Praise assembly, where we celebrate children's individual achievements and behaviours. It is the assembly that we enjoy most in school. For the foreseeable future we are unable to invite parents into school however we believe it is still so important that children have their special achievements recognised. Every week, each class will continue to celebrate a child's achievements. They will earn a Celebration Certificate; have a photo taken which will be emailed home, and be mentioned in our weekly newsletter. Parents will receive a text/email informing them if their child has been celebrated. This will start next week.

## School dinners

As you are aware, we are asking parents to order their child's lunch online each week. There is always the option of a hot meal, a jacket potato, a pudding or a grab bag (sandwich).



Whichever year group your child is in and even if they are entitled to a free school meal, you must select their options. We may have to call you to provide a packed lunch if you have not completed this for your child. If you are not able to access the links to the survey, please contact the office and we will try to identify the problem

## Attendance – Covid absence guide

I know that many families will have been upset or become anxious following our news yesterday that we have had a positive Covid test result in school. While we do not share names of the people involved, we do wish them a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing all of our Year 6 class and staff back in school. However there is the possibility that this will happen again as we progress through the year. I will remind you that our risk assessment is available online so you can see the measures that have been put in place to keep children and staff safe.

Any absence from school due to isolation will be marked with a code that does not affect your child's attendance figures. Please be reminded if your child displays any of the Covid symptoms a test must be organised asap, they are then required to isolate immediately, along with all members of the household.

For your information, when there is a positive test in school, we work alongside Public Health England and the local authority to determine the necessary actions. As was the case yesterday, this can sometimes happen at the end of the school day which means there is little time for parents to make plans.

When children are self-isolating in such circumstances, we provide home learning which they should complete.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Lote".

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