

## Welcome Back

Since our return to school just over a week ago, the children have been fabulous and the vast majority have settled down brilliantly and have been eager to learn and make up for lost time. It is likely to take quite a few months to get the children back to where they would have been if the lockdown hadn't happened. With your help, the staff will be trying their very best to help everyone close that gap. Now more than ever, your child needs your encouragement and practical support with their daily reading comprehension, times tables, spellings and their set homework. Thanks for your help.

## Drop-Off

The system of dropping-off at school in the mornings seems to be working very well. The school is now open from 8-30am and children must arrive by 8-55am.

In the mornings, parents are not permitted to come on to the playground, unless they are bringing a reception child to the reception class door.

If you are late arriving (after 8-55am) and there is no one monitoring the car park, please park up and bring your child to the main entrance. **Please do not just drop them off.**

## Extra Opportunities

It is important to remember that when children arrive in the mornings, they may well be given short English and mathematics tasks to complete. These daily short and sharp opportunities for extra practice, will inevitably benefit your child and boost their progress and achievement. Take advantage of this if you can. Children arriving later and immediately before the bell, will obviously benefit less.

## Pick-Up

When collecting at the end of the day, please be aware of social distancing. It is also vitally important and it is safer for everyone, if parents leave the playground promptly once they have collected their child.

Thanks for your continued support in these matters.

The Activity Trail will remain closed after school for the foreseeable future.

## 'TikTok' Social Media Site!

The School has been made aware of a completely inappropriate TikTok clip involving suicide that has been circulating social media for the last day or two. I have attached a link from the BBC site which can give parents further information about the clip.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-54069650> .

The 'National Online Safety Board' is extremely concerned that many young primary children are accessing inappropriate material through TikTok.

The site actually has an age rating of 13. It allows its users to upload music. Some of the lyrics contain language and swear words that adults wouldn't use and there are some highly sexual themes. TikTok encourages users to take part in challenges. Some of these challenges can pose risks to young people. As with many apps, there is a payment element to TikTok.

TikTok encourages its users to share their memories/images. Videos can get into the wrong hands and cause serious issues.

If your child is using TikTok, I would strongly advise that you take a look at their account yourself and make a decision as to whether you think this is a suitable site for



## Lunchbox Labels

Please could everyone label their child's lunch. It may be that your child has a distinctive lunchbox but now with so many more children bringing a packed lunch, it can easily be mixed up with others. A label would prevent any



## Peanut Butter

Please do not include any peanut butter sandwiches or peanut products in packed lunches. Thanks.

## Important Information

If you have changed your address or mobile number recently or if your child's medical needs have changed, please let us know as a matter of urgency. Many thanks

## Parent Concerns

If you have a serious concern and would like to speak to a member of staff, please ring or e-mail school. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

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## Changing from school dinners to packed lunches and back

We do not allow children to keep changing from packed lunches to school dinners and vice versa.

The cook orders food depending on the numbers requiring a packed lunch and this needs to be a consistent number.

From next Monday (14th Sept) children will not be permitted to change.

Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

## E-Mail Reports for Parents

Unfortunately, because of Covid, we will not be able to timetable our normal parent consultations this year. Instead, teachers will e-mail parents a brief report about how their child has settled and his/her performance and progress. They'll also try and answer any specific questions mentioned on the Parent Consultation Slip. (no more than 3) Please look out for the letter in the next couple of weeks and remember to complete and return the form asap. Many thanks.

## Covid 19 : Don't Drop Your Guard

It is vitally important that we remain vigilant concerning Covid 19 and follow the guidance issued by the government. If anyone in your household displays the symptoms, please arrange for everyone to be tested and let school know the results immediately.

If you think that your child may be displaying some symptoms (and it is most likely that it isn't Covid) please do not spread this news through social media as it may well cause unnecessary panic and distress. If Covid is confirmed, the school will take advice and inform parents immediately.

We pray that we don't have any confirmed cases.

We certainly don't want to close the school and we are committed to provide the education, opportunities and social interaction that children desperately need. Thanks for your support.