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CofE Primary School

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Information Letter for Year 1 and 2 Classes

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Dear Parents

We would like to warmly welcome you back again after Easter. We hope that your children settled back happily and we are able to get back into the routines we had established before Easter.

In order to keep us all safe, we would like to remind you of our expectations for daily procedures.

Due to the ongoing situation, we will be operating staggered start and finish times for different year groups. Year 1 will begin their day at 8.45 and finish at 3pm. Year 2 will begin at 9am and finish at 3.15pm. Both year groups will enter the site from the top field gate, accessing this from Manor Road. Please can you stick to these times to ensure the safety of all concerned. We ask that you do not approach staff members directly but understand that there may be occasions when you need to pass on a message. We just ask that at the current time you email these messages to the school and they will be passed on to your child's class teacher.

We expect all children to be as independent as possible. In order to encourage this there are several things they need to do when they arrive at and leave school.

WELLIES: Please make sure your child wears a pair of wellies to school and brings their school shoes in their school bag (and trainers on PE days). We will be using the field for playtimes and lunchtimes to enable each bubble to have lots of space to play.

Morning Routine

- Children will enter the gate at the top of the field, accessing this from Manor Road, where they will make their own way down to their classroom.
- We politely ask that parents do not enter the site, but say your goodbyes at the gate.
- Please can you ensure that all of your child's belongings fit into one small bag. Please also bring in a two drinks bottles and, if you choose to provide your child's own lunch that it is in a plastic lunchbox. Reading folders will need to be brought in daily.
- As the Y1/2 zone is on the field, all children will need to wear wellies in to school and bring their school shoes in their bag to wear inside. Please could children also keep a spare set of underwear, socks or tights and trousers in their bag in case they need to change. These items will need to be brought daily as we cannot leave them on site.
- The children will be asked to wash their hands as soon as they enter the school buildings and at regular points throughout the day. School has plenty of anti-bacterial soap and hand sanitiser so you will not be expected to provide this for your own child. Please can you also ensure your child is washing their hands before leaving your house.

Afternoon Routine

- Please meet your child in the correct zone on the field, socially distanced as far as possible. The class teacher will bring the children to you.
- Please can you make sure only one parent from each household comes on site and we ask that where possible, siblings not of primary school age do not come on site.
- We also ask that at the current time, children are picked up exclusively by members of their own family bubbles.
- Please ensure your child washes their hands on arrival home.

We thank you for your co-operation.

Topic for this term:

Our topic this term will be **Who do you think you are?** and **Don't forget your passport**



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Although we usually welcome things brought in from home to support our topic work, we are unable to do so at this time. We will also be covering a range of other learning and we hope that you find the Curriculum Map, on the website, useful to keep track of what your child is being taught.

School Visits: Although we hope to use our local area, we won't be going further afield for trips at this time.

Snacks The school policy on snacks is to ensure that they should be a healthy option. If you would like your child to have a mid-morning snack, we encourage them to bring in fresh fruit or vegetables. Chopped up, fruit or raw veggies such as carrots or peppers are ideal. Breadsticks and wholemeal crackers are also great finger foods that can be spread with low-fat soft cheese. Please note: that the most recent guidance is that dried fruit is no longer recommended as a between-meal snack as its high in sugar and can be bad for teeth. Parents have asked about various shop purchased snacks, such as fruit winders and various breakfast bars etc. Most of these snacks are usually high in sugar. Water should be the only drink. Milk can be purchased through the [school milk service](#). **It is essential that your child has a named water bottle that is easy for them to refill during the day.** Thank you for your support

Nut and seed life-threatening allergy awareness: We have several children with severe life-threatening nut and sesame seed allergies and a reaction can be triggered by airborne contact. For safety reasons, we must insist that parents/guardians do not send children to school with peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella, cereal bars containing nuts etc. or indeed anything containing nuts or sesame seeds (i.e. on buns or snack bars.) This also applies our aim above to discourage confectionery for birthday celebrations – sweets and chocolates can contain traces of nuts and seeds. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with this.

Birthday celebrations: We will always acknowledge and celebrate birthdays but we cannot accept any sweets or gifts brought in from home.

Toys: Unfortunately, children will not be able to bring in any toys or games from home. This also includes for Golden Time. We will ensure there are games and activities available in each class for this.

Reading: We understand that you will be anxious to support your child's reading development as soon as possible and we actively encourage daily reading with your child. Your support and patience at this time is appreciated. Please continue to read with your child daily, ensuring you sign their record clearly. The children's reading records are checked regularly so this is another good way of communicating any messages to your child's teacher.

Homework: All children have their reading folders and we recommend that you try and hear your children read every day. Ten quiet minutes is all you need each day. It's amazing how this will aid your child's progress. *Reading to your child is invaluable.* We will give out weekly spellings this week and the year two weekly maths homework continues. In order to support the children's learning at home we suggest the following websites;

[DoodleMaths](#)

[DoodleSpell](#)

[TT Rockstars \(Y2 only, Y1 log ins will be distributed this term\)](#)

[ict games.com](#)

[Topmarks](#)

[Numbots](#)

Physical Education: CHANGE TO UNIFORM Children must wear their school uniform every day and bring in their PE kit on their PE days. Children will get changed into their kit at school. This should be a red plain or [Saltford t shirts](#) and black shorts or jogging trousers and trainers with Velcro fastenings and a fleece type jacket.

Class	PE	PE
CE	Wednesday	Thursday
RH	Thursday	Friday
NJ	Monday	Thursday
MN	Monday	Thursday

Swimming: Swimming will start in term 6.

PPA Time: This is class teacher's support time away from the class room and will be covered by Mrs. Perrett. Mrs Perrett will also teach Class MN every Friday.

CE Every other Wednesday (all day)

RH Every Thursday am
NJ Every other Wednesday (all day)
MN Every Thursday pm and Friday (all day)

Lost Property: **Please make sure that everything is named.** This includes things like socks, shoes, hats, gloves, lunchboxes and drink bottles!! If everything is named, we will save a huge amount of time searching for lost items.

School Dinners: Key Stage One children are not required to pay should they wish to have a school dinner. Alternatively, parents can choose to provide their child with a packed lunch from home. Please see [here](#) for the current menu.

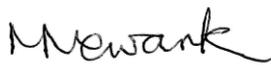
Payments: Where payment for trips or events is required, the school uses School Gateway, an online payment system. A link to the School Gateway system is available on our website or through <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>.

Hair: We would like to request that all long hair (boys and girls) is put up for school in an effort to help prevent the outbreaks of head lice which are so common. Please can all hair be tied neatly, with only small clips and elastics to fasten them. Please see our uniform policy in the office section of the website for further information. <http://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/>

Voluntary Classroom Support: When circumstances permit, we are always looking for parent helpers to support activities in school. If you can help we are always very grateful- even if it is on odd occasions or only for a short period of time. Please keep an eye out for when the situation changes and we are able to welcome back volunteers. DBS forms are available from the school office.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Newark



Miss Jupp



Mrs Hayden



Miss Evans