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4 week lockdown update

As we enter the new lockdown, I thought it appropriate to update you on the position for schools. The current guidance is that schools will remain open and that our current procedures will continue which include keeping children in bubbles and increased cleaning and hygiene.

We need to restrict the number of adults at the school at drop-off and collection times. The current system seems to work well providing you only come onto the grounds at your child's collection and drop-off time. The vast majority of parents are adhering to this but a small number of parents are coming early and waiting. The arrangements are:

- **Each class has a 5 minute slot.**
- **If you have more than one child, you should arrive at school at the earliest drop-off time and collect at the latest collection time.**
- **Only one person should come onto the grounds to collect your children.**
- **Keep 2m distance from other parents whilst on the grounds.**
- **Arrive at school at your child's drop-off time and collection time, not before.**
- **Leave the grounds as soon as you have collected your child.**
- **Please do not give messages to teachers at the classroom door, phone or email the school office.**

Times:

Drop-off and collection times:

Arrival:

8:45 - 8:50am – Year 1 and Year 2

8:50 - 8:55am – Year 4 and Year 5

8:55 – 9:00am – Reception and Year 3

9:00 – 9:05am – Nursery and Year 6

Collection:

3:05 – 3:10pm – Year 1 and Year 2

3:10 – 3:15pm – Year 4 and Year 5

3:15 – 3:20pm – Reception and Year 3

3:20 – 3:25pm – Nursery and Year 6

Home learning if your children are having to isolate

A number of children are having to stay at home whilst either they or a family member awaits Covid-19 test results. We have, therefore, put work on the school website for each year group. The work is in the same place as we put it in March— under the classes tab on the website. There are two links for each class, the first is for the first 3 days of an absence, the second is for children who are having to isolate for up to 14 days.

If the work completed is emailed back to school, teachers will give feedback within 3 days.

No school crossing patrol until further notice.

Due to illness, there is currently no crossing patrol until further notice. If they are able to find a relief person, I will inform you.

Reception class intake 2021

If your child is 4 before 1st September 2021, they need to apply for a place at the school—even if they are currently in our nursery. Applications are done via the Staffordshire admissions website:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

or phone 0300 111 8007 and ask for school admissions.

Applications need to be made by 15th January 2021.

Bags 2 School

The plastic bags were sent home before half term. If you have any items of old clothing, shoes or bags please send them into school. They will be collected on Monday 16th November.

The full list of items that can be collected is on the bags. If you have more than one bag full of clothing, you can send it to school in dustbin bags. The school receives money for the clothes donated.

Please check that your Parent Pay contact details

When we send school emails out, these are done via the Parent Pay app. Please check that your email addresses are up to date on this.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Following the success of last year's shoebox appeal, we are once again taking part in the Samaritan Purse shoebox collection. Each class will be making shoe boxes to send. If you would like to donate items, please send them into school. A leaflet went home before half term with details on it.

Last year, a number of families packed their own shoeboxes— if you are planning to make your own shoe box, or you are donating towards a class shoe box, the items need to be received by **Monday 16th November** so that they can be collected.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone that has donated to the charity. We have now sold out of poppies.

Complaints about parking

I have had a number of complaints from both other parents and members of the community about dangerous parking outside the school before school and at home time. Please park carefully and a distance from the school to reduce the problem. No one should be waiting on the zig-zag lines outside the school.

Only bring your car if absolutely necessary. This will reduce congestion and make it safer for everyone.

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