



Race Leys Infant School

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It has been a pleasure to walk around school and see how well the children have settled in to their new classes. They are getting stuck into their learning and following our new routines. The Reception children are quickly getting used to being in school and we are looking forward to welcoming them into school for their lunch next week.

Thank you all for your help in following the new procedures and routines that we have put into place over the last week.

Judith Ward

Covid Information

If your child has any of the Coronavirus symptoms (new continuous cough, and /or high temperature, or has loss of sense or smell), **they must not come to school. If they develop any of these symptoms when they are in school, then they will need to come home straight away.**

Families will need to book a Covid test immediately. To do this you will need to visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119.

Test slots are released every day at 8pm for the next day (including weekends).

You can also arrange for home testing, but this is a longer process.

Please contact the school immediately when you receive the result. If you receive a positive result and it is out of school hours please call our Coronavirus Emergency number 07852221022.

This will enable us to put any actions necessary quickly into place. If you do have a test, please can you email proof of the outcome to school whether it is positive or negative.

admin2614@welearn365.com.

We have been made aware that it was on facebook that test kits are available from the school, please note the small amount of kits we have been given are only for exceptional circumstances and emergency situations therefore you must access a test on the government website and not request one from the school.

Collection Arrangements at the end of the day

Please ensure that you notify your child's class teacher if someone different will be collecting them at the end of the day. If arrangements change during the day, then contact school to let us know. To avoid confusion and worry for staff, please also make sure that you notify childminders or childcare providers if your usual arrangements change.

Due to Covid restrictions, please can I ask that only one adult collects children at the end of the day.

School Meals

It has been wonderful to see more of our children taking up the school's offer of free meals this week. Lisa, our school cook has devised the present menu with the children's favourite meals and puddings in mind. Please remember that the children have a choice of a hot or cold deli bag which includes a drink, fruit, salad sticks and a cake or biscuit. See the menu on the school website for more details.

All infant school children are entitled to receive a **FREE** school meal every day (Universal Free School Meals). Eating a school meal every day will save you over £400 per year in lunchbox items.

How to support the school by signing up for Pupil Premium funding

If you are in receipt of any benefits excluding child tax credits, then we would like you to claim for what is known as Free School Meals' which can benefit the school with extra funding called Pupil Premium. Pupils who have parents working in the Armed Forces are also eligible. Each child that registers will secure an additional payment of £1300 which allows the school to purchase extra support and resources for your child. This money currently funds our Learning Mentor Jo Johnson, and extra support in the classroom amongst other more specific things for individual children. Please visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals for more information if you think you may be eligible.

Keeping records up to date - Emergency Contacts and Medical Needs Information

Please remember to notify the school of changes of address/phone numbers or other contacts so that we can contact you in case of emergency.

We have been updating our information on medical needs for our pupils. Children who have inhalers in school need to have an up to date Asthma Plan in place. Please visit your child's Asthma nurse if you do not have one or if it needs updating. Parents of children with medical conditions requiring a Health Care Plan need to make sure that these are updated annually. Please help us to make sure that all of our records are up to date as we are unable to act upon any that are expired.

Reading Books

Thank you to everyone for returning the children's books yesterday. Children will be bringing two books home on Monday to read with you at home. These need to be returned on Thursdays. For weekend reading, please use the Oxford Owl online resources which have a wide selection of books for you to access. These books are organised into coloured book bands in the same way as the school books.

New Behaviour Policy

As part of the new behaviour policy each class has a wall of fame where children are recognised for going above and beyond and are given a brick for the wall to celebrate. Each Friday any child that has received one that week will bring their brick home to share their achievement with you.

PE Kit

Please send your child to school in their PE clothes on the day that they have PE. This will be as follows:

Year One - Wednesday Year Two - Tuesday and Wednesday

Reception children will not need to wear PE clothes for this half term. Please keep their PE bags at home for now.

PE lessons will be taken outside wherever possible, so children can wear joggers or leggings on chilly days.

Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who returned their questionnaire responses to school this week. Please send in any outstanding ones as soon as possible. We will be using this information to support the teachers in planning for the children. The information about access to computer equipment is vital to us to plan for learning should another lockdown occur. Teachers will be following up with parents who have not responded to update our records.

Home Learning/Online Learning

With the possibility of further 'lockdowns', the government is expecting schools to have a plan in place for children to learn at home and at school. This is called 'Blended Learning'. It involves the school providing a range of activities for the children to complete to continue their learning at home. As part of our blended learning offer we have created the opportunity for your child to have access to online lessons and learning activities through Microsoft TEAMS. Your child is now a member of their CLASS TEAM. Home learning challenges can be posted along with class discussions and live lessons. Children will get lesson time with their teacher every day.

Due to the age of our children, we are asking parents to help them to access CLASS TEAMS and the activities available. Please see the separate document coming out next week which will help you to log into your child's CLASS TEAM.

Over the next few weeks class teachers will be sharing home learning activities with you which involve children completing tasks through CLASS TEAMS. Children will not be bringing home learning books home with them to reduce the risk of contamination.

Social Distancing/Keeping 'Bubbles' Secure

Thanks you to all of our parents who have been remembering to keep a safe distance from each other on the playground at the beginning and end of the day. Please remember that only one adult should be on site for each child.

I have noticed that there have been some secondary aged pupils waiting with families on the playground. In order to protect our bubbles, please can senior school children wait outside our grounds.

Starting/Finishing Times- Reminder for Reception Parents - Next Week

RKS - 9.10am - 1.00pm

RCP - 9.20am - 1.10pm

Macmillan Coffee Morning - 25th September

For the last ten years, we have taken part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise funds for this fantastic Cancer support charity. We will be holding a coffee morning in memory of our previous caretaker, Mr Phillips who sadly died last year. This year, we are unable to open the school up to our families, but will still be taking part with our children.

Pupils can come to school in non uniform and will be able to have access to a home made cake (by Lisa, our school Cook). We ask children to bring in £1 to go to the charity.

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