

Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents,

### **Procedures for symptoms of Covid 19**

Please find attached with this newsletter the **updated version of the parental flow chart from MK Council** which indicates procedures to follow if your child develops symptoms of Covid 19. If you need further clarification, advice is available from the Department of Education Coronavirus Helpline on 0800 046 8687.

Identified Covid 19 symptoms remain as: -

- A new and persistent cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A high temperature of 37.8 and above
- Loss of taste or smell

If your child has any of these symptoms, they **must not come to school**. Siblings should also remain at home. A test must be booked. Children can only return when a negative test has been confirmed for the symptomatic child. If your child develops one of these symptoms in school, you will be phoned and asked to collect them. A negative test will be required before they return. We thank you for your vigilance and your support in keeping all our children, families and staff safe during these difficult times.

### **Staff News!**

Many congratulations go to Nick and his partner on the birth of their little boy, Benjamin Halasz. Benji, as he will be known, was born last Thursday weighing in at 8lb 4oz and is growing fast! Nick has been on paternity leave this week enjoying the early days with his new little son.

### **Macmillan 'Coffee Morning'**

Thank you to all those who contributed to collections today. We will keep a collection box in the entrance porch if you feel you would like to donate over the next couple of weeks.

### **Homework and use of Google Classrooms Y1- Y6**

Homework went out via Google classrooms yesterday. It would be lovely to say that everything has run smoothly but I know that there have been a few little glitches! Please do let class teachers know if you have any issues and we will see what we can do to resolve any problems. If you require a hard copy, please ensure your child's teacher is aware. Thank you.

### **Reading books - Y3**

We have had to make a couple of changes to our book changing schedule. Please note that Y3 book changing days will now be **Tuesday and Thursday** (the same days as Y4, Y5 and Y6). Y1 and Y2 remain as Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Y3 children will be able to bring home more than one book if it is appropriate for them to do so. Thank you for your understanding.

### **School lunches**

We are planning to re-introduce hot lunches starting from the last week of this half term w/c 19th October 2020. Once we have finalised the arrangements we will send out further information.

### **Water bottles**

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day. The children are able to refill these as needed. Water fountains are not in use.

## Music Lessons

Music lessons have begun without issue this week. Thank you for ensuring your child has their instrument and their music with them on their lesson day.

**Violin** - Lessons will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoon next week- reverting to just Friday from then on. Class teachers have a list of lesson times - Tuesday times next week will be the same as Friday.

**Y3 interest in music** - whilst we usually begin lessons in the Autumn, we have deferred the option for Y3 children to begin lessons until the Spring Term. Further information will follow in December.

## School Uniform

As we enter the Autumn and continue to ventilate the building, please ensure your child has a jumper or cardigan in school. All children should bring a jacket or coat everyday as we are doing some outside learning and the children are outside at both morning and lunchtime breaks. Thank you.

We already have a number of mislaid brand new jumpers which are not named.

**PLEASE ensure your child's uniform has their name and year group clearly marked** so that items can be returned quickly. Sharpies are excellent for marking in labels. Thank you.

## P E bags

We are having a few issues with our usual supplier obtaining P E bags so unfortunately there is a delay. Please let the school office know if you would like a refund. Otherwise you will receive your P E bag as soon as we do.

## Transfer to Secondary School - Y6 moving to Y7 in September 2021

Hazeley Open Evening for parents of current Y6 pupils will be streamed live on the 29<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. A digital copy of their prospectus is available on their website. They ask that Y6 parents complete the brief online form at the link below. This will enable them to provide answers to questions during the event.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=sGHiSd9X7E-idwMw4-RXq-PrvXVgqqpOI6ZBlpEwq-tUNUxSQjZSSE9CTTZJR0VXSIM4Q1E2S0haWC4u>

## Starting School in September 2021

We are now being contacted regarding school places for 2021 and will be updating our Website with further information shortly. If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, they are due to start school in September 2021. Online applications are now open through Milton Keynes Council. The closing date is 15th January 2021. To secure your child a school place of your choice, it is very important that applications are received on time. Any applications received by the Council after this date will not be processed in time for the National Offer day in April.

I cannot believe we are three weeks into the Autumn Term already! There is a lovely 'buzz' in all our school 'bubbles' and it is great to see the children getting on with their learning so productively again. Well done to our Foundation and Nursery children who have completed their first full week - no doubt there will be a few tired children this evening!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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