

Monday 5 October 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Autumn: a season of changes

I have been talking to the children about changes recently during my weekly assemblies which are broadcast into every classroom each Monday. We have all had to get used to change in recent months and as we move into autumn, a month full of changes in nature, I think it's important to stop for a moment to reflect. Our school community has coped so well with all of the changes we have encountered recently, all against a backdrop of anxiety about the pandemic. Our children have adapted admirably and I would like to thank them and you for your support through this time. The staff have been amazing too and I would like to thank them for their courage, commitment and care.

What will happen if there is a positive case of COVID-19 in our school?

It's clear that the coronavirus is going to be with us for some time to come so we must all try to get used to the changes; the "new normal". To date, although several children and a few staff have been tested for coronavirus, **no-one in our school has tested positive yet.**

Although lower than in other parts of the country, cases in Boston are rising and I do think that inevitably, and despite all of the safety protocols and procedures we have put into place, there will probably be a positive case in our school at some point. If/when this happens, I will let you know. I will take advice from our local health protection team, the Department for Education and our own trust in order to make a decision on the best course of action to take.

Children may be asked to self-isolate for a couple of weeks. If this happens, we will immediately pivot to our remote learning offer, using Google Classroom, to ensure that the children's education does not suffer.

We will continue to be vigilant at school so as to minimise the risk as best we can and I would ask that you continue to support us by adhering to current government guidelines at all times. I would also encourage all parents to wear a face-covering when dropping off and collecting from school each day.

When to self-isolate

If your child, or any member of your household, displays any of the symptoms of coronavirus your child should not come to school. The person with symptoms should take a test and the whole household must self-isolate. Please inform school of the result of the test as soon as you receive it.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous 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 loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle (already filled with plain water) every day.



#HelloYellow – Thursday 8 October

On Thursday 8 October 2020, to mark #HelloYellow, we will be having a non-uniform day and inviting the children to wear something yellow in school. On this day the children may choose to wear a yellow t-shirt, yellow dress, yellow hairband, yellow socks or another variation using the colour yellow. We will all be wearing yellow to show young people that they are not alone with their mental and emotional health. It is very important for us all to know that keeping mentally healthy is just as important as being physically healthy. If you would like to make a donation to the YoungMinds charity, please visit our [Just Giving page](#).

Individual photographs – Friday 9 October

The photographer will be in school on Friday 9 October to take individual photographs of the children. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, he will not be able to take photographs of pre-school children or of siblings together.

Parking and safety

Please make use of the car park at the Peter Paine Performance Centre (Boston College) which is a short five minute walk away from the school. There is plenty of space available. The yellow lines near school prevent parking and stopping and the other roads near to school can quickly become congested which can be dangerous, particularly when children are arriving/leaving school. Please always show consideration for the local residents and do not block their driveways.

Please remember to use the “safe zone” in the staff car park when waiting. The section of the car park nearest the school is coned off between 8:40-9:00am and 3:10-3:30pm. During these times, no vehicles will be permitted to move in this area making it a safe place for parents to stand in a socially distanced way. The section of car park nearest the road however will continue to operate as a functioning car park; taxis and other vehicles will continue to access this area and so caution is advised. Please do not stand and wait in this section of the car park and make use of the paths where possible. Parents’ cars are not allowed in the staff car park.

Keeping warm

As we move into colder months, it is important to make sure your child is suitably dressed. The children should wear plenty of layers, as appropriate. The windows in all classrooms will remain open to ensure good ventilation so it’s important that the children have the right clothing both inside and out.

The return of hot meals – 2 November

Since September, the Farm Kitchen have provided only packed lunches. We have been working hard to resolve some of the issues around this and are now in a position to safely serve hot meals from 2 November. You will be able to order hot meals from the week beginning 19 October, via the Farm Kitchen [online ordering system](#).

Yours sincerely,



Simon Morley
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