



Monday 24 August 2020

Despite all the changes and restrictions, our first two weeks back have gone really well. The children all seem so pleased to be back at school and are doing well with incorporating all the new guidelines into their routines.

Pick up and drop off

On the whole this is going reasonably well however there are still a few things I need to bring to your attention -

Now that children are more settled can parents of P4 – 7 children **not wait** at the gates and fences until the bell goes.

Please can people leave the playground promptly at the end of the day.

In order to keep numbers low, there should only be one adult per family waiting inside the playground area.

There are an increasing number of children arriving very early in the morning. Please can I ask that children do not arrive much before the bell and **if this is not possible then no earlier than 8.30am.**

Our new primary one children have been amazing and have settled into school routines really well. We have also enrolled a number of new children across the school.

The Curriculum

The focus for these first few weeks is on Health and Wellbeing, Literacy and Mathematics. We continue to follow CEC guidance on this. Our Building Resilience Topic for this term is 'Always Look on the Brightside'. If you are anywhere near my age that will remind you of a song!

We had our first whole school live, virtual assembly on Friday morning and will aim to do this each week. Despite a few technical issues, it went well. I think many children preferred sitting in the comfort of their classroom and watching us on the screen! We are already planning ways that we can involve children in the process.

We are still asking children to share any out of school achievements for The Big Book which we will continue to share at weekly assemblies. Our class Star Awards will also resume next week.

We are awaiting guidance from CEC around all the usual school events like Parents' Evenings and Open Mornings and as soon as guidance has been shared we will begin to plan this for Broughton.

House Captains

Any budding House Captains or Vice Captains are being invited to make a short video on why they would be a good choice. These videos can then be watched in classes so children still get the opportunity to vote.

Flu Vaccination paperwork

The flu vaccination will be taking place on 17 September. This year more than ever we are asking families to consent to this for children. Please can you return the form as soon as possible.

We have had a number of children absent with tummy bugs and colds. After our prolonged absence we are all a little more susceptible to the usual bugs. Below is guidance should your child display any symptoms of COVID 19.

Covid test

Please let us know if you are booking a COVID 19 test for any of your children. Any siblings should also be kept at home while you wait for results.

If it's a negative result

Child can return to school provided they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours.

If the child is not well enough to return to school then the normal procedure for illness should be followed.

If it's a positive result

Child must **isolate** for 10 days.

Household must isolate for 14 days

Parents must inform school.

Please can you make sure your child brings a coat to school as they will be outdoors in all weathers.

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