



2 October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Parent Consultations – Reception to Year 6

This term, teachers will be conducting Parent Consultations by telephone.

Teachers will be letting you know how your child has settled into their class routines and how they are managing relationships and learning activities. If your child has a Support Plan, they will share revised targets and a copy will be sent home.

Teachers will be assigned a day to complete their calls (see below). Starting at 9.15am, they will complete this alphabetically – please try your best to take the call. If you are not available, a message will not be left, but they will try again later.

Class 1 (Rec): Wednesday 14 October

Class 2: Friday 16 October

Class 3: Tuesday 20 October

Class 4: Monday 12 October

Class 5: Monday 19 October

Other Updates & Information

ParentPay: There are still a few parents who have not set up Parentpay accounts for each child they have in school. Adding every child means that we can direct our messages to specific classes, rather than the whole school at times when this is necessary. Mrs Medcalf will be in touch if you have not done this already.

Harvest: We will be collecting donations for the food bank – children can bring tins/packets etc. to the donations basket and this will be left to 'decontaminate' before packing for collection. Anything is gratefully received, especially during these difficult times.

Water bottles: Most children are remembering their bottles each day – thank you! Please remember, though, that bottles **must only be filled with water** – juice is not allowed. Any bottles containing juice/squash will be emptied and refilled with water.

PE days: All children are remembering to come to school on a Thursday ready for their PE afternoon. A number of children, however, are not bringing a waterproof or coat. Please make sure they do as they will still have break-time, lunchtime and PE outdoors even when the weather gets worse – thank you!

Staggered drop-offs: Our staggered start times on a morning are working really well and there are very few gatherings at the gate. For those parents who drop off by car and let children come in alone, please take care with where you pull in/park up, and remember that others will be crossing roads. We have had a near miss this week on the yellow lines around the drive entrance – please park away from this area!

Face coverings: While visitors to the school are currently restricted, it may be the case that we need to hold face to face meetings. If, as a parent, you are involved, or need to come into school, you will be required to wear a face covering. This is the expectation of any other visitors who will be working in communal areas. Some external support agency staff will also wear face coverings as part of their risk assessment (i.e. Speech therapists).

Reading records: You will notice that teachers are now signing reading records to acknowledge they have been checked. Detailed comments about your child's reading are kept in the teacher's tracking file in school, and you can ask about this during your telephone call. Please continue to hear your child read at least 3 times a week, and make comments as you have been doing – thank you!

Before/After-school clubs: At this time it is still not realistic for us to reopen our out-of-hours childcare. Staff across the school are currently restricted to their own classes, and very few adults move between groups. Our staffing levels and children's attendance are currently better than many local schools and, for the moment, this is how we will continue to operate so that we can remain open as fully as possible. This will be kept under review and we apologise for any inconvenience this may be causing.

Mrs Dunn