

14 October 2020

Dear Parents

Re: End of Term Updates

I'd like to start by thanking you all for your support and help over this last half term, your patience when dropping off and picking up your child/ren has been most appreciated. It is very strange running a school where we don't see much of the parents, and the opportunity for regular chats has been removed.

The students have all been fabulous, adapting to many changes within the course of the school day. It shows how resilient and focussed they are!

Calendar

Friday 16th October is our last day and students are allowed to come in non-uniform; as normal we ask for a 50p donation (or £1 for a family). We break up for 2 weeks and will re-open on **Monday 2nd November**.

There will be a **training day on Friday 6th November** so that staff can focus on safeguarding; the first week back we will only have 4 days of school.

Parent Consultations

We are unable to hold our normal parent consultations due to the local lockdown and instead we will be asking you to book phone calls with the class teacher. A letter about these will come out in the first week back. Remember if you do have any concerns you can always ring the Office and they will pass on details to either the class teacher or the Phase Leader in order to arrange a call back.

Parent Consultation on Relationship Policy

On the 2nd October we sent out our updated Relationship policy for you to look at and arrange a discussion with the Senior Leadership team, if required. The consultation ends this Friday if you need to double check that you are happy with it, the details are on our website in the News section under letters. As we've said before there aren't any changes as we've always covered the extra parts about mental health that the Government have introduced and we still believe that the teaching of sex education is not appropriate at Primary school.

Staff Changes

On the 2nd November Mrs Khan leaves us to take on an exciting new role at Dixons Cottingley, she has been a great asset to the school, supporting parents and helping with attendance. She will be replaced by Mr Lewis who will continue in this role. We'd like to thank Mrs Khan for all her great work and hope she enjoys her new role.

Y4 Japan will be starting with a new teacher on the 2nd November, Mr Rehman. Mrs Haider and Mrs Hussain will continue to work in the school but will be focussing on providing extra support to students to help them with the lost learning during lockdown.



Preparation for a Further Lockdown

All schools have been asked to look at how they will provide work if another lockdown is called. The Government would like schools to use more on-line learning, should this happen. We had about a third of parents respond to our Parent Survey on lockdown and the use of IT at home. Next half term we will be sending out paper copies of this survey to those of you who weren't able to complete it on-line.

It is really important that we have a good understanding of how many of our students can access on-line learning as we don't want to just provide this, if there are lots of students who don't have access.

Covid Updates

Over the first half term we have been very fortunate in that no students have tested positive for the virus, and we've only had to close one full class. We will continue with our current procedures but ask you to remember:

- If your child has a persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of smell/taste they must not come in to school and should self-isolate for 14 days, unless they are tested and it is negative.
- If someone in your house has tested positive for Covid they must isolate for 10 days, and everyone else in the house must isolate for 14 days.
- If a member of your household has symptoms, then everyone in the house should self-isolate for 14 days, unless the person has a test and it is negative.
- If someone in your house has been told to self-isolate due to close contact with someone who has the virus, only this person needs to self-isolate, not everyone. Unless that person gets symptoms.
- If you are returning from a foreign country then you must check whether you need to self-isolate on your return.

The rules on self-isolation are a National requirement, if you need advice on whether your child should be in school you can contact the Office who will help you.

The Office keeps track of when students are due back, it is really important that you don't send them back earlier than the isolation periods identified above.

Students will naturally be picking up colds and sneezes as the weather turns, it is okay to send your child to school with a cold.

We hope that whatever you plan to do over the two week break that you have fun and stay safe! Remember, if you have any queries please do let us know, we are always happy to help!

Kind regards



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Principal

