

14 December 2020

Dear Parents

### End of Term Updates

It's been a very unusual term, with reduced contact with parents and year groups have not been coming together. The school feels very different; although students continue to work hard and behaviour is good. We will continue to carry out phone calls home each half term in order to share your child's learning journey.

There is a lot of information to share due to updates from the Government and Bradford Council:

#### Term Dates

You will be aware that we will be **closing on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, this will be at the normal 3.20-3.35pm time, this is due to Government requirements.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> will be our pyjama party day**, (or school uniform) with lots of bedtime stories and class parties in the afternoon; we hope you will support us and let your child come in their pyjamas.

**We re-open on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

From January we will be returning to **full days on Fridays.**

#### Positive Cases during Holiday

The Government has requested that if your child develops symptoms and then tests positive that you inform the school. This is only required in the first week. We will then inform any parents/staff of the need to self isolate. There are two ways that you can do this:

- Email [info@dixonsmn.com](mailto:info@dixonsmn.com)
- Phone 07949515233

Both of these will be checked until Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

#### Holiday Support

Dixons have decided to provide Morrisons vouchers for all families on free school meals and these should be coming home with the students later this week, this is in addition to what the Bradford Council have in place. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 then you do need to be **registered for free school meals to receive the vouchers**. If you think you might be eligible then please contact the Office.

Bradford Council have been provided funding to a range of organisations so that families can access free food during the holiday. We are still awaiting details of this and will pass them on as soon as we get them. This is available to all families; you do not need to be registered for free school meals.

#### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire, we try hard to ensure we take your views into consideration in order to make our school a great school. We are delighted that 100% of those who responded felt expectations are high and are satisfied with what we offer and that 99% of students are happy to come to school.

As part of the survey we asked for comments regarding how we can improve our Covid safety; ensure students are cleaning their hands and good room ventilation were the most common comments.

- Our students are asked to regularly wash their hands and there are 5 built in opportunities each day; we also then ask that they wash/anti-bac if they use a tissue.
- All classrooms maintain good ventilation, on very cold days we follow the Government guidance of having windows slightly open, but then making sure they are wide open during breaks.



A number of parents requested more social distancing when picking up children at the end of the day; we will once again focus on this over the next month.

A smaller number of parents asked that we stagger exit times; we decided against this for the ease of parents with children in multiple year groups. However, students can be collected between 3.20 and 3.35pm in order to reduce the number of parents arriving at the same time.

### **Covid Updates**

Recent Government updates, come into force from 14.12, have slightly changed procedures for **self-isolation to 10 days** rather than 14 days. But as a reminder we ask that you continue to apply the following rules:

- If your child has a persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of smell/taste they must not come into school and should self-isolate for 10 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 10 days.
- If a member of your household has symptoms, then everyone in the house should self-isolate for 10 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, if needed this will be for 10 days.

We are always happy to help parents and to review our procedures, if you do require support or have an issue that you need to discuss please do contact us. We hope you all have a restful and safe winter break and a happy New Year!

Kind regards



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