



# Headteacher's Newsletter

11/10/21

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.

Please note the following:

## Playground Improvement

You will have noticed that we are having some work carried out on the playgrounds today. Benches and equipment are being installed to improve playtimes and lunchtimes for our children.

## Covid

A reminder that if there is a positive case of Covid in the house, although government guidance is that children may still attend school, we support a decision to keep your child at home under these circumstances and will provide home learning materials so that your child does not miss out on their learning. Please contact the office if you are unsure about what to do.

## Ventilation

The advice from government is that school should be well ventilated which means that we open the windows and doors – this is to lessen the risk of Covid spreading. Some parents have said that their children are cold, which we understand, and as the weather becomes colder, classroom doors will not be open as much. We will balance the need for ventilation with ensuring that children are warm whilst in school.

## Parents' Meetings

As I hope you are aware, we are taking a cautious approach to relaxing our Covid protocols, in order to keep children, staff and families as safe as we can. With this in mind, meetings with parents will be by telephone and not face to face. The meetings will take place after half -term and you will be sent information about this nearer the time.

## Absence from School

I am very sad and frustrated to say that we have had some requests from parents for extended absence from school to visit relations in Pakistan. In fact, we have had some parents who have not even informed school of their decision to take extended leave!

**I would like to be very clear that holidays and visits abroad during term time will not be authorised.** We follow Local Authority guidance which is to issue fines to both parents for each child and to remove children from the school roll.

I do not want to do this but I will, so that it is clear that we do not support extended visits abroad during term time. Given that children have missed so much school during the pandemic, I am shocked that parents would allow their children to miss out on learning.

## Morrisons Vouchers

School has registered with Morrisons supermarket for their Good to Grow voucher offer. If you shop at Morrisons, please could you say yes to the vouchers for this scheme which will help us to buy gardening equipment for the children. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs H Edge