



OUR LADY & ST TERESA'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 18TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Another week has flown by and we are heading into the weekend with some lovely weather, it has been a real blessing to get the children outside in the fresh air lots this week. There have been huge increases in Covid cases both nationally and locally in the last few weeks and we are doing absolutely everything in our power to reduce our risks here in school. I extend my sincere thanks to you, as our wider school family, for all of your support with this. We have looked (once again) at our plans for lunchtimes and from Monday we will be going back to having each class operate as an individual bubble – this is to try and ensure that should we have a confirmed Covid case here in school I am sending home as few pupils as possible to isolate. Please note that I am in regular consultation with the local authority, the DFE and Public Health England to ensure that I am working from the most up to date guidance and that everything we are doing is based on the latest information. Should we have a positive case here in school I will respond swiftly and in-line with all correct guidance. Please do not seek guidance and advice on what will/should/could happen from the playground or Whatsapp groups – this can often cause confusion and unnecessary anxiety. Please come directly to me for your information via the telephone or our parentlink email address.

Stay safe and look after one another. *Mrs Wilson* - Head Teacher

School Office

Please can I just remind parents that they should only be entering the school office if there is an emergency all other contact we would ask is done via telephone and email at this time. I know that this is not ideal but it is all part of our safety measures in trying to reduce risks here at school for pupils and staff. If there is an urgent need to enter the school office you **must wear a face covering.**

Parent Information Evenings

During the autumn term we usually invite parents in to meet your child's new class teacher and learn the expectations for their new year group. As we are unable to do that this year we will be sending home PowerPoint presentations which our class teachers have prepared with lots of key information for the year ahead and things they would like you to know. These will come out to you at the end of September. Following this we will then offer telephone consultations for those parents who would like them. Please look out for further information on the arrangements for these phone consultations nearer the time. Thank you.

Face Coverings

Thank you to all of those parents who are now coming onto our school site at the start/end of the day wearing a face covering. Please can I ask that if you have not been wearing a face covering to drop off/collect your children that you now do so. This is to safeguard our staff team and ensure our school is open and fully functioning to all year groups as much as possible which I am sure we all want after our children have already missed such a large chunk of their education here in school.

Remote Learning

Should we need to send a bubble home due to a confirmed case then our remote learning curriculum will come to the fore once again. As such can I ask that if you have children in Y1-Y6 you ensure that you/they know their Purple Mash login details as they will need these to support the learning we will provide. If your child is new to school either in YR or any other year group we will be sending home login details for them next week. A copy of our Remote Learning Policy will be sent out to parents at the end of this month.