

“Every child is a unique child of God.”

WHINMOOR



ST. PAUL'S
C of E Primary School

Dear Families,

30.09.21

Covid

We currently have a number of cases in school, ranging from Early Years through to Year 6. If your child is identified as a close contact of anyone infected, you will be notified by Test and Trace. This is no longer the duty of schools. If your child is identified, you will be advised to take them for a PCR test. However, they can still come to school whilst awaiting the result, providing they show no covid symptoms.

To restrict the spread of the virus, we ask that if your child shows any of the signs below, you do not bring them into school and follow medical advice with regard to testing and isolation, where necessary.

- **a high temperature** –you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it could be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

Within school, we are re-introducing temporary measures to help prevent the spread of the virus. This includes reducing mixing between classes and the temporary suspension of after school clubs. This is in line with our risk assessment and advice from the DfE/Public Health England. We thank you for your support at this time.

Harvest:

We very much look forward to celebrating Harvest in school on Friday 8th October. This is always a special time, when we discuss the meaning and messages of Harvest (at an 'age appropriate' level) and our children enjoy producing poetry, pictures, prayers and reflections about the earth and the food produced across the world. We will also discuss with our children how we can support others during what is (once again) turning out to be a difficult autumn for many within our community. At this time, we are sorry that we cannot invite families back into school to share our Harvest, however we will upload pictures, art work and prayers onto Twitter and our website as soon as we are able to. This year, we would very much like to support those who are struggling to make ends meet, alongside the vulnerable and homeless in our own community. If you are able to send in a donation of non-perishable tinned foods, cereal, packets of crackers/biscuits or basic hygiene items such as toothpaste, soap, etc. we would be very grateful. Please send these into school from Monday 4th October. We will display our Harvest offerings for the children to see and ask Reverend Anne to bless them and those who will receive them. We will then deliver these to The Seacroft Parish Larder at St. Richards. (The food bank is held on Tuesdays in the crypt underneath St. Richards, LS14 1BX).



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We really look forward to when we can open our doors and invite all our families back into school to join in our celebrations and again, we thank you for your understanding as we negotiate this wave of the virus.

Message from Mrs. Deverill

It's normal to have ups and downs – and this year might have felt a little more down than up. But it's the little things that have got us through it. In order to support Mental Health Day we are having a #Hello Yellow Day on Monday 11th October. Throughout the week we will be celebrating the little things we can do to look after ourselves and support each other, and together, we can show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

The more people who show they care, the more comfortable young people will feel about talking to someone if they're struggling. So on 11th, we will have a non uniform day and children are invited to wear something with yellow on it, for the donation of £1 (with all donations going to YoungMinds). We ask the donation is paid via School Money where possible. Whether it is a jumper, hat or a favourite ribbon or bow tie, please wear them with pride for World Mental Health Day.

Our Key Stage 2 classes were pleased to welcome Leeds Wellbeing Team into school last week. The children were given advice about how to look after themselves and each other during these unusual times. They had the opportunity to ask questions about how to best care for themselves and others. We look forward to working more with the Leeds Wellbeing Team in the future.

Message from Miss Hamilton

In the last newsletter we directed you to the community page on the website to have a look at some useful website links relating to online safety. As a school, we have now devised a child-friendly guide to explain the do's and don'ts of keeping safe online. We highly recommend that you read through this with your child, to re-enforce the messages we teach all children in school and for you to be aware of how best to protect your child from online threats. A paper copy is attached to this newsletter.

Reminder: September 2022 Admissions – open evenings

The application date for September 2022 Reception class starters opens on November 1st. In light of this, we are offering two evenings after school this half term where parents can come into school. Mrs Lindley, our Reception class teacher, will meet the prospective parents and will show them around our Early Year's provision and answer any questions they may have. The dates are Thursday 7th and Tuesday 12th October. The meeting will start at 3.45pm.

If you would like to put your name down on one of the above dates, please ring the school office on 0113 2657250. If you know families with children due to start school in September 2022, please pass on these details. We very much look forward to meeting prospective new families.

As always, your support is very much appreciated. We hold our children, families and wider community in our prayers.

Miss McBride
Head teacher

