



Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter

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Important Update Covid -19 Risk Assessment

We have updated our Covid-19 risk assessment again this week so please read the following message carefully.

Whilst Basingstoke and Hampshire remain medium risk areas, cases of Covid-19 are increasing locally on a daily basis and hospital admissions are rising too. The safety of our whole school community; children, teachers, staff and parents will always be the school's priority.

Therefore, from **Monday 19th October 2020** we would like to insist that all parents wear a face covering when coming onto the school playground to pick up children. This will apply in the main to parents of children in Willow and Beech classes. It is important that the parents of the younger children **do** come onto the playground at pick-up so we can ensure we hand your children over safely. Please do not wait outside the gate as it causes congestion and makes social distancing difficult.

For Oak and Chestnut parents, the system will remain the same. You may wait by the fence but you must socially distance from each other, and although outside the school gates and car park I cannot insist on you wearing a face mask, it is something you may well wish to consider.

Staff, will not be wearing face masks unless they choose to, as it is not in our risk assessment to do so under the DfE guidance. They will continue to adhere to our social distancing rules. We also ask that when you are wearing a face mask, you also practice social distancing, even with other parents who are in your friendship bubble. Whilst the children in school are in 'bubbles', there is no such thing as a parent bubble in school.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Harvest

Thank you for the Harvest donations that you have been bringing in this week. Due to your kind generosity we have collected a substantial amount of tinned and packet foods which I will be taking to the Basingstoke Foodbank on Monday.



This week at Cliddesden

This week we had a visit from Caroline from SCARF. Under normal circumstances she would have brought the 'Life Bus' with her but that wasn't possible. She delivered a personal, health, social and economic education (PHSE) workshop in each class and Harold the Giraffe was there too!



Routines in school continue to work well and we are always looking at improving them. Thank you to our Willow volunteers who are making lunchtimes much easier with the younger children.

School assemblies are getting better as we get used to having them virtually. We all have new webcams and our Junior Leadership Team are gaining more confidence and the IT skills to help deliver the assemblies. It is wonderful to be able to deliver whole school assemblies using technology.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Due to current restrictions schools cannot hold face to face parents' evenings. We feel parent meetings are of great importance and we want to be able to keep you informed of your child's progress. We have invested in 'School Cloud', software that enables online meetings. Our Parent Consultation evenings will be held in mid-November and details of exact dates, how to book an appointment and download the app will be sent out after the half term break.

INSET Day

A reminder that next **Friday, 23rd October 2020 is an INSET day** and the school will be closed to pupils. The following week is the Half Term break and school resumes again on Monday 2nd November. Our remaining INSET days for the academic year are, Monday 4th January 2021, Thursday 1st April 2021 and Monday 2nd July 2021.

Prospective Parents

We have been advised by HCC not to conduct meetings and tours with prospective parents for September 2021. If you know of anyone who has a child starting school next year and is considering Cliddesden please direct them to this page on our website.

<https://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/virtual-office/admissions>

It has information on booking a 'Teams' meeting', a presentation from myself and a video tour of the school which is being completed as I write.

Walk to School Week

A big thank you to the Oak Class parents who organised walking buses during walk to school week. Some of the children and parents have continued to walk to the Village Hall. Please may I remind everyone that the 'rule of six' applies to adults and children outside school and walking groups should contain no more than 6 people.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

Thank you for reading our RSE policy and thank you to those who sent comments or questions. The consultation period has now closed and the policy is now finalised and will be in practice this academic year.

School Bus and early arrival

A reminder that Oak Class children cannot come into school until after the bus has arrived and the children on the bus are in their bubble zones. The only exception is for staff who have children in school. You will know we are ready for your children once we have put the traffic cone by the gate.

Car Park Safety

A parent reported to me this week that there was a near miss at the entrance to the car park where the two car parks and road converge. Some parents were talking on the verge when one of their children ran out onto the road. Please keep your children with you at all times near the road and drivers give pedestrians the right of way in the car park.

Christmas Shoeboxes

Thank you for all the Christmas shoeboxes already received, they are looking very festive. The deadline for them to be in school is Monday 19 October 2020. Please remember to tape a £1 coin to each box to help with the Rotary Club admin costs.

School lunches

Please note that school lunch costs for pupils in Y3-Y6 will be £2.50 per meal from 2 November 2020, still free for YR-Y2. See below for a reminder of the menu changes.

Week 1

Monday **Vegetarian sausages** (not quiche)

Week 3

Monday **Vegetarian goujons** (not omelette)

Tuesday **Vegetable chilli** (not oriental rice)

**The current menu (with the above changes) will
continue through to April 2021**

Parents of pupils in Year 3 upwards are asked to register for online payments as this is the only way we should be receiving payments. Bringing cash into school is against our Covid-19 procedures which were put in place in June. If you need help with registering, please speak to the office staff.

I wish you a safe and happy weekend.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

To view diary dates and class pages, find out about our curriculum, read all about our events in school, view your child's homework tasks, learn how to stay safe on the internet and much more please visit our school website www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk

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