

Recreation Road Infant School



Newsletter



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Thank you!

Firstly, thanks to you all on behalf of the staff team for your goodwill and support during the past few weeks. We've been busy ironing out our arrangements and hope that they're not causing you too much inconvenience.

Is my child well enough for school?

Thank you all for being so vigilant about keeping your children off school when they're not well. I know that coughs and colds are already beginning to circulate, so I wanted to provide you all with some clarity about whether your child should be in school or not. I have put together a simple flowchart for you to follow if you're in any doubt about whether your child should be attending. You should have received this by email, along with this newsletter. I hope that it proves to be helpful – as always, give us a call (01603-457120) if you have any questions or queries.

Help us to be even safer

With your amazing support, our dropping-off and collection arrangements have worked pretty well so far, but we think that they could be even better. Please help us by:

1. **Keeping to the '1 adult on site' rule** – Please remember that only one adult per family should be accompanying children onto the site. We have not reinforced this rule during the first couple of weeks, as we know how important it is for mums and dads to be part of the school experience at the beginning of a new year. However, from this coming Monday, only 1 adult per family, please.
2. **Keeping to allotted time windows** – Please don't arrive on site early or late for your slot. Please wait on the other side of the road from the school gates if you arrive early for pick-ups or drop-offs.
3. **Maintaining 2-metre social distancing** wherever possible or '1-metre plus' for very short periods of time where 2 metres is not possible. Please remember that, while the children are in a 'class bubble' with each other, the adults are not!
4. **Not using mobile phones onsite** – For safeguarding reasons, we have a strict 'no mobile phone' policy. Please respect this.
5. **Not letting children use play equipment before / after school** – We have thorough cleaning procedures in place, ensuring that equipment is cleaned between usage by different classes. When children use this equipment before or after school, it all needs to be re-cleaned as a precaution. This can be very frustrating for the staff, and takes time away from the children's learning.
6. **Getting off bikes and scooters** – both adults and children need to get off bikes and scooters when they enter the school site, in order to keep everyone safe.

Healthy lunchboxes

If your child brings in a packed lunch from home, please make sure that it does not contain:

- Nuts or nut products, including peanut butter. We have children in our care with serious nut allergies.
- Sweets
- Chocolate

We haven't forgotten about the learning!

So many of our recent communications with you have had to be about Covid-19 precautions, but that doesn't mean that we've forgotten about the learning. All class teams have been busy assessing the children's starting points and we're already planning ways to build on your children's existing strengths, while addressing the gaps that we've identified. More information to follow in the next newsletter.

Have a great weekend! 😊 With warmest wishes, Mr Bunting (very proud Head Teacher)