



Arnside National Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope all is well and you have managed to enjoy the rather damp half term last week. The pupils have come back raring to go and it's great to see their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn.

Covid-19 & lockdown

In light of the recent lockdown announcement, I would like to clarify school's position. At present, we are expected to open as usual and continue to follow the existing guidelines already in place. If the Government release further guidance in the next few days, I will endeavour to update you as soon as possible. In the meantime, during this period it is more vital than ever that we all support each other to provide the safest possible care for our children. Appropriate social distancing during drop off and pick up is an essential part of this care. Please could parents / carers ensure a prompt pick up as this helps with the staggered finish times.

Ventilation

In addition to these measures, we have been advised to ventilate classrooms as much as possible and therefore areas may be cooler than usual. Pupils can wear additional layers of clothing to ensure they are comfortable when working. We are encouraging as much outside learning as possible and pupils will require a good jacket / waterproof each day. Please can Parents / Carers ensure their child is appropriately dressed and prepared for the winter weather.

School Meals

Our hot school meals continue to be incredibly popular and we currently have an 80%+ take up across the school. A position of Kitchen Team Member, 15 hrs per week, has become available and the post is currently advertised on the Indeed website. Orian are responsible for the recruitment process and all enquiries and applications should be made directly with Orian. The position is working alongside Tara, Kitchen Team Leader and assisting with the lunchtime service.

Rugby Coaching

We are looking forward to welcoming Keith Robinson, Rugby coach, into school for the half term. Keith will be providing specialist coaching for all the pupils in school as well as an after school club.

As we approach another difficult period, I would like to express my gratitude for your help, support and understanding. The fluidity of the situation is challenging to say the least but we will always try to provide the safest level of care possible given the limitations of staffing, logistics and the building!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sharp



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