

Spring Bulletins 2021

Monday 1st February 2021

Weekly Attendance

Last week, our weekly attendance for pupils on school site was 85%

If your child is absent for any reason, please remember to contact the school as early as possible as we have to monitor attendance very closely.

School gates are now open between 8.50am and 9am for children to arrive. It is very important that children are punctual, for health and safety regulations.

Message from Mrs. Ducker



Dear Parents & Carers,

1 – 7 February 2021 is Children's Mental Health Week. The week is run by children's mental health charity **Place2Be** to focus on the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is **EXPRESS YOURSELF.**



WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

When children are able to find creative ways to share their feelings, thoughts or ideas it can help them feel good about themselves and who they are. Children can do this through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that they enjoy. It's really important to remember that being able to express yourself is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.

Given that the past year will have left many of us feeling out of control and helpless, supporting children and young people to express themselves is arguably more important than ever.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Here are a few simple ways you could encourage your child to express themselves:

1. Build on existing interests or passions, encourage your child by noticing their unique interests and praising their efforts.
2. Trying new things, maybe something new together?
3. Remember you don't need a lot of expensive equipment to get creative at home – there's no limit to your imagination!

Let your child know that if they are worried about something they should always talk to an adult they trust. It could be you, someone in their family, a teacher or someone else in the school.

If you're worried about your child's mental health you can talk to your GP or someone at school.

You can also find a list of organisations that provide support and advice on the website: www.place2be.org.uk/help

Children on site

Gates open at 8.50 and will close at 9.00am. Please ensure you arrive at school on time and in full school uniform. Children attending need to be collected from the playground at 3.15pm, please remember to wear your face coverings.

On the day your child/children have PE they may come to school dressed in their PE kits and may remain in this all day:

PE TIMETABLE - UPDATED FROM 18th JANUARY

Monday – Years 4 and 5

Tuesday – Years 1 and 2

Wednesday – Reception

Thursday – Year 3

Please take some time to read through the **Home school agreement** that was sent out and discuss it with your children reminding them of safety and behavior expectations when on site, thank you.

If you need to contact your child's class teacher please do so using the year group email, they are as follows:

EarlyYears@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year1@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year2@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year3@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year4@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year5@civitasacademy.co.uk

For all other enquiries please use office@civitasacademy.co.uk

Remote Learning

Thank you for all your support and feedback as we start to engage on our digital platform for remote learning Office 365 (Teams). We have staggered the timings of Teams calls to support families with siblings. These changes will start from Monday 18th January:

Teams Calls	EYFS (Reception)	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	KS2 (Years 3,4 and 5)
Morning Lessons	9.15am	9.30am	10.00am
Afternoon Feedback	3.00pm	2.45pm	2.45pm

Please remember to email your class teacher on the class email address if you have any questions or comments around the learning.

If your child is unwell and is unable to attend the live input sessions please also use your **year group email address** to inform the class teacher by **8.45am that morning**.

We are now set up fully using TEAMS across the school and will have the opportunity for live teaching and some recorded lessons, please find attached the consent form for this. Please complete and return to office@civitasacademy.co.uk

Next week we will be sending out some questionnaires to both families and pupils to gain some feedback around how remote learning has been working, we are keen to know what has been successful and what can be improved further.

Food Allergy reminder

Please be reminded we are a nut free school. This includes nut spreads such as Nutella and peanut butter. If we find nuts or products containing nuts it is our policy to confiscate them.

Wishing you a happy and healthy week ahead,

Kind regards,

Salima Ducker

Executive Headteacher

Key Dates

Date	Event Details
Monday 4 th January 2021	Inset Day (School closed to children)
Tuesday 5 th January 2021	Inset Day (School closed to children)
Wednesday 6 th January 2021	School Partial Opening & Remote Learning
Friday 12 th February 2021	Break up for Half Term
Monday 22 nd February 2021	School Partial Opening & Remote Learning



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