



Dear Parents/Guardians

15 September 2020
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General Information

School Website

Please continue to check the school website for all information to do with the school day. Any letters to parents/guardians containing such information is stored **under the heading ‘Covid-19’**, this includes letters, ‘Key Information Sheet’, for the various year groups etc. We are sure there will continue to be a number of changes in relation to school arrangements, so it is essential that you check our website and all other methods of communication.

Start and End of the School Day

Thank you to all parents/carers who are supporting us to reduce gatherings on and around the school site. We are planning to reduce the staggered start and end times to the school day as children are familiar with these routines. These times will be shared with you tomorrow.

Home School Agreements

Home School Agreements will be sent home with the children on Friday 18 September 2020. Inside it will contain the class rules that your children have written with their teacher and also includes a brief outline of the strategy. In addition we have provided an agreement specifically related to Covid 19 situation. Please read with your children, then both parent and child need to sign the agreements and send back to school as soon as possible.

COVID 19 Guidance-

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- A high temperature- above 38.
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour / three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this will probably not be applicable for young children but may affect older siblings or parents.

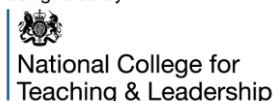
If you have any of these symptoms you must get a test to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result. If you need medical advice, contact NHS 111 or 119. Children should not be coming into school if they have any of these symptoms.

You need to inform school immediately with any results of tests when you receive them. School will require a copy of any test results

School Crossing Patrol – Cofield Road/Boldmere Road – Change of Operational Procedure

We have been advised by the Highways Department (Birmingham City Council) that the crossing patrol will now stand on the opposite side of the road to Cofield Road (not the

National Teaching School
designated by



This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

receiving side), both in the morning and afternoon sessions, until further notice. This is to allow the patrol to social distance, due to the pavement being narrow and the increase in footfall.

However, please note that there will be no crossing person on the crossing this afternoon

PE/Games Kit to be worn in school

A reminder that your child's PE/Games kit must be PE/Games kit as detailed in the school prospectus.

FAO Year 3 parents/guardians – paperwork - REMINDER

If you have not already done so, please return the paperwork sent out to you with the school prospectus, e.g. the 'confidential information sheet', including various consents, 'IT consent form', blue contact card information, etc. If you have not received this pack, please contact the office as soon as possible.

FAO Year 6 Parents/Carers – Secondary School Transfer – September 2021 – important information –FINAL REMINDER

A reminder that letters were sent out to you via Parentmail at the end of last term and by paper copy via each child last week, regarding applying online for your child's secondary school place – September 2021. If you live in Birmingham you should apply for your child's secondary school at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2020.

Summer Reading Challenge - Deadline Approaching!

For those of you who have been doing the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge, you have until 19th September to complete the challenge. When you have completed the challenge, you need to print off your certificate and bring it into school. Please bring these into school by Monday 21st September. Unfortunately we will not be able to accept late certificates. We will then contact the library services so that you receive your £5 gift voucher to spend at a book shop. The Sutton school which has the most entries will also receive a prize from the library service, so let's see if we can get as many certificates as possible!

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The summer reading challenge Facebook pages now has David Baddiel answering the questions sent in from Children in Sutton Coldfield and on the 19th September at 3pm we will be posting the author Jeremy Strong's video he has created for us from the questions children sent in.

Music Lessons – Autumn term 2020

We are hoping to commence music lessons in school during October. However, at this stage, we are unable to confirm a start date. Subject to government guidelines, we will advise you as soon as we can commence.

Parent/teacher contact:

A reminder that unfortunately during Covid19 we are unable to offer face to face meetings in school with parents. We are aware however that the education of your children is a partnership between you as parents and the school. Staff can be contacted with queries either by telephone or email. Please contact the school office in the first instance and we will direct your enquiry as appropriate. Enquiries are dealt with initially by the class teacher or the year lead.

Community News

Secondary Schools – Open Days/Evenings/Virtual

Virtual Open Evening at schools in Lichfield:

- The Friary School– Tuesday 22 September 2020 www.friaryschool.com
- King Edward VI School– Wednesday 30 September 2020 www.keslichfield.org.uk
- Nether Stowe School – Thursday 1 October 2020 www.netherstowe.com

Full details regarding the programme will be available on the individual schools' websites shortly.

Virtual Open Evening at John Willmott School

Online from 23 September 2020 – for more details call 0121 378 1946

For details regarding any secondary school Open Days/Evenings and other information, please view the individual secondary school website.

Yours sincerely

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