



Email Message dated: 07.05.2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 update:

Our meeting with the Local Authority yesterday revealed there is still significant concern regarding the R rate of the virus in this area and despite the continued success of the vaccine roll-out, Covid has not gone away. We have been told that our current Risk Assessment must remain in place and to continue to strictly follow safety measures and protocols put in place to keep our schools as safe as possible. Please take a look at the attached poster
Cambridgeshire County Council have produced with some key messages about remaining vigilant.

Lunchboxes:

With the re-introduction of hot meals for Year 5/6, we have been able to make adjustments to allow us to safely re-introduce the use of lunchboxes from Monday. Please note, however, lunchboxes will be stored outside after children have eaten so any food remaining in them may spoil in the warm weather.

Handwashing:

Following our letter earlier this week, we have spoken to the Health and Safety lead within Cambridgeshire Local Authority who has investigated the product and assures me our soap is suitable for use in schools. Her advice is that hands are thoroughly rinsed. Nevertheless, we have purchased a similar soap but one which contains additional moisturisers. Teachers have again talked to the children about good handwashing technique in order to care for their skin, which includes the need to rinse and dry thoroughly. We would be grateful if this is supported at home by ensuring your child is rinsing off soap and drying their hands fully. We will continue to support any families who wish to send their own soap into school for children.

Foster Care Recruitment Campaign:

We have been asked by Cambridgeshire County Council to share the information below with our parents.

Foster for us today and show why you care!

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are supporting this year's Foster Care Fortnight campaign (10th – 23rd May) and urging people to consider fostering as a career. We particularly need carers who can support children and young people between 10 -15 years old, sibling groups of brothers & sisters and short breaks Link foster carers.

Foster Care Fortnight is the UK's largest foster care awareness raising campaign and aims to show the positive impact foster care has made on young people's lives. Foster carers accomplish incredible things every day, and despite the practical and emotional challenges from coronavirus, foster carers continue to provide day-to-day support, love and stability to children and young people who can't live with their birth families.

We want to hear from anyone who is over 21, has a spare bedroom and the love and dedication to help our young people. We offer round the clock out of hours' support should you need it, a dedicated supervising social worker who will provide regular supervision and support and generous pay and benefits. Register today at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering or call 0800 052 0078.

Why not find out more by coming to our virtual information session on the 26th May from 6-8pm. Book now at: FosteringMarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk