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Friday 12th June

Dear Parent

It has been absolutely brilliant seeing more children in school over this week. We are so proud of all of the children that have returned. They've settled really quickly and it is a joy to have them back.

With the statement from the government this week about other year groups not returning now until September, we understand how much of a pressure this is for families. We will continue to support families as much as we possibly can with their home learning. With more staff being back in class, we ask that you are patient in waiting for a response to work posted.

A Statement from the Trust

The Rt. Hon. Gavin Williamson MP (Secretary of State for Education), recently told parliament that, "There are currently no plans to make up class time lost during the lockdown by requiring pupils to return early from their holidays in August."

All the Enquire Learning Trust schools will close as usual for the summer holidays. This includes our child care provision for vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers. This school will close on Tuesday 21st July. This will allow essential works to take place in school and key preparations to be made to ensure a successful start to the new school year for all children.

The new school year will begin on Monday 7th September.

We will keep this under review should we receive further instructions from the Department of Education.

Start of the School Day

From Monday 15th June we will open both the KS1 gate and Lavenham Road gate from 8.25am, so that all key worker children can access their classrooms from the playground, rather than having to come through the school office. The gates will remain open at the end of the day until 4pm, so that all children can be picked up from their classrooms.

Please ensure that you are prompt when dropping and picking up so that we can avoid large groups of parents congregating on the playground.

In order to minimise the number of people on site, I would be grateful if only one adult bring the child onto site. If you are accompanied by any other children, please ensure that they remain with you at all times.

Booking a Place for Your Child

A polite reminder - you will have to give 5 working days' notice before your child will be able to return to school. This is so that we can ensure staffing numbers are sufficient.

If you are a key worker, we would be grateful if you would give us as much notice as possible.

Hand Washing

Whilst in school, the children will be asked to wash their hands on a regular basis. Soap is provided in all classrooms and toilets. There will also be a supply of hand sanitiser in classrooms, to be dispensed by an adult, if needed. The hand sanitiser is alcohol based. If you would prefer your child not to use this, then please contact the school office.

Sun Cream/Sun Hats

When the hot weather returns, please remember to send your child with a sun hat. Hopefully they will be spending lots of time outside. You should apply sunscreen before your child leaves for school. If your child needs to reapply sunscreen during the day, please supply sunscreen, with your child's name clearly marked on it. We recommend using as high an SPF as possible.

Children are encouraged to apply their own sunscreen. Under no circumstances are children allowed to share their sunscreen with other children. Younger children will be supported by staff to apply their sunscreen, if necessary.

The full Sun Safety policy can be found in the policies section of our website.

Training Day for Staff

Friday 3rd July was to be a teacher training day. As we are not operating in normal times at the moment, we have decided to cancel this day and school will be open as usual for all those eligible to attend at present.

2021-2022 Term Dates

Our 2021-2022 term dates have now been published on our website.

Thank you once again for your support in these difficult times.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett