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Dear Parent / Guardian,

### **Hot school dinners**

We are happy to finally be able to offer hot school meals after the October half term. The new menu is on School Grid. Please ensure you have pre-ordered your child's meal. **This is more important than ever as each meal is prepared for the specific child. If you have not ordered, then the meal will not be prepared.** If you have any problems with ordering or logging on to School Grid, please contact the office and we can reset your password. Please be reminded that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

### **Home learning**

I would like to thank you for your response to the recent questionnaire that was handed out with regard to technology in your household. At the moment, the school is working very hard to put in place a remote learning system that will allow your child to continue learning at home in the case of their attendance at school being affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

The system we have chosen to use is Office 365 which involves Microsoft Teams. We will be giving further information to you after the half term holiday about this along with your own personal log in details.

We would like to reassure everybody that this system has been a steep learning curve for us and continues to be so. We will do everything we can in order to support you with this at the right time.

### **Harvest**

Thank you to all parents and children, who kindly donated food for our annual Harvest Festival. Cornerstones, a charity we support have collected the food items and we would also like to say thank you on their behalf.

### **Before and after school reminder**

I would like to remind parents that children need to be dropped off and picked up at their specific time and entrance/exit point. Could Key Stage 1 and EYFS use the entrance on Derbyshire Lane. This is to ensure we can follow social distancing as best we can. We have seen a few instances of children running out onto the road at the Junior gate onto Delamere Avenue. This is obviously a cause for concern and would ask that children are supervised around this area.

### **Mobile phones**

Please ensure when dropping or picking up your children you are not on your mobile phone. There may be times where the teacher needs to talk to you regarding your child. Please finish your conversation before collecting your child as teachers have now been instructed not to hand your child over to you if you are on your mobile phone.

### **Colder weather**

As we approach the Winter, we would like to inform parents that children can wear a school fleece (from John McHugh) as part of the uniform. Girls can also wear trousers, thermal tights or leggings under their skirts if preferred.

### **Social Distancing**

Whilst on the school grounds, could parents please ensure they are following the social distancing guidelines.

### **Half term**

I would like to remind parents that we finish for half term today and return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. Enjoy your break as best you can!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr J. O'Brien  
Headteacher