



# Weekly newsletter 18.09.20

## Urmston Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers...a new format (but really just the one we used for our 'Being More' newsletter during lockdown!). Looks professional though, right!? Have a lovely weekend everyone...

### START TIMES...a polite reminder...

*Please be reminded that if your child's start time is 8.40, they should be here by 8.40 or they will be deemed late. The 8.55 start time is only for those classes whose official staggered start time is 8.55! As before, you can still arrive up to ten minutes before to allow for social distancing. Thanks for your cooperation!*

### TEACHING, LEARNING AND FEEDBACK

*Staff at UPS have been having lots of discussions about marking and feedback, taking into account the restrictions and health and safety measures but also the best way that we can support and challenge all of our pupils. Please take a look at our policies on Teaching and Learning and Feedback and how we hope to aid your pupils development moving forward. Go to <https://urmstonprimary.com/information/policies>.*

*Just for fun...it's TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY TOMORROW! Enjoy!...*



### BEING MORE

Our school values of kindness, happiness, pride, respect, responsibility and resilience are more important than ever at the moment and we are still doing weekly Bee Award assemblies (albeit via video link!) to help us to maintain our ethos, remind us of how important it is to us, and to celebrate those children who are being more. We still welcome your emails in regarding how your children are showing our school values and being more outside school. It is always great to share such positive stories with all of our children.

### CV AND SCHOOL UPDATE

*You'll have received correspondence from us about the procedures should we have a positive case in school, as well as our home learning contingency measures. Unsurprisingly, although our children have come back to school with a real spring in their step, having been away so long, we expect some tiredness to set in whilst they get used to being back.*

*As infection rates continue to rise across the country and in GM, we will continue to keep you posted on any developments. Thanks so much for your patience and understanding in supporting our measures. Finally, do take a look at this link for a little more clarity on the cold/Covid question! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-54145299>*

### KS2 SNACK

*Remember that as we cannot provide toast under the circumstances, our junior children can bring in a healthy snack to keep them going throughout the morning and up until lunch time!*

### LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE

As well as this newsletter, you'll also find an article attached to this email entitled, 'Let's Talk About Race'. At the height of the Black Lives Matter protests we mentioned the importance that we feel we all need to place on equality and raising awareness and we have been doing lots of work on our curriculum regarding this that we will share with you all soon. Also, we've just uploaded onto our website a new Equality and Equity Policy and Scheme (under policies), which show our commitment to ensuring this. Things have certainly quietened down on this front nationally and globally and we don't want to lose momentum. Equality and diversity in all its forms is vital to a fair, kind and respectful society and we hope that we'll be able to provide opportunities in the future for our community to get together, talk to one another, discuss key issues and celebrate diversity too.

*Talk to Us! We can't reiterate how important this is, especially at the moment!*

*A huge shout out to our UPS staff too. Under difficult circumstances, they've created a brilliantly positive and safe environment for all of our children and their professionalism is fantastic. Well done everyone!*