

# **Newsletter**

Dear parent/carers

## Thank you

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you to those parents/carers that are working with us with regard to ensuring our procedures and protocols are being followed.

As the second wave of this pandemic emerges, it is a very stressful time for everyone and everything we do ask or put in place is about minimizing the possibility of transmitting an awful virus within our community.

We know not everyone agrees with everything and that legally we cannot enforce certain aspects of our procedures and protocols. However morally we all have a duty to do our best to control the spread of this virus and be respectful of the school's approach.

With this in mind can we please once again remind you;

- any adults/young people when on school grounds must wear a face covering
- only one person should be on the school grounds to drop-off/ collect a child
- social distancing should be followed by all when on the school grounds
- children should **NOT** be bringing personal belongings into school
- children should only need to bring a small school bag, not a huge back-pack

# **Safety Concerns**

Several parental have expressed their concern that due to groups of adults standing near the two sets of school gates at the start and end of the day they are either having to walk on the road or walk through a group of people.

If you are choosing to talk to your friends or meet your child off the school grounds please keep the gate areas clear.

#### **Uniform**

A little reminder that apart from PE days all children should be wearing the correct school uniform not coloured hoodies or trainers. Please see our school website for details.

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#### **Water-bottles**

All children should be bringing their own water bottle.

This should contain still water, not juice, sparkling flavoured water or squash please.

#### **Earrinas**

We are still seeing too many children in school with earrings in that are not within our uniform requirements. Children should only wear small round studs please.

## Vaping and Smoking

A polite reminder that vaping, like smoking, is not allowed on the school grounds.

We would also appreciate it if when smoking this is done away from the fenced areas close to school. This is due to parents being concerned about having to walk through groups of smokers.

#### sQuid Accounts

Please remember that your child's sQuid catering account should always be in credit to allow us to take payment for school meals that have been taken. If accounts are in arrears then we will withdraw the option for a school meal and you will be asked to provide a packed lunch for your child. The accounts can either be topped up online via the Squid app/website or by making a payment to the school's bank account. Please contact the school office if you require our bank details.

## Flu Vaccination

There is still time for you to register your child for the flu vaccine. This will take place in school on the 1st December and no needles are involved.

If you haven't yet registered please follow the link below:

https://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Our school code is NG140659

If you do not complete this online form, your child will not receive the vaccine. The immunisation team have asked us to ask parents to please complete the form even

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if you do not give consent (there is the option for **no** consent. This then allows them to build up a picture of why parents do not want their children vaccinated.

# Online safety

If you have any concerns relating to keeping your child staying safe when they are online please use the links below:

- https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/
- https://www.esafety-adviser.com/parentengagement/

#### Remember:



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask them.

Mrs Smith Head of School





