



It has been such a pleasure to see our Year 2 and 5 pupils back in school this week after their self-isolation period and we have been impressed with the resilience they have shown in adapting to having to work at home. As always, thank you to parents and carers who have supported them in this. Just to remind you that if your child or anyone in the household is unwell with any of the symptoms of coronavirus, everyone in your house must stay at home until that person has been tested and received a negative result. It can be difficult to book a test, but for the safety of all, please do ensure that this is done and please inform the Office of the result of any tests for our pupils, as a positive test will mean that we need to close their year group bubble straight away.

Collecting siblings if your child is self isolating

If your child has been sent home from school because they are self isolating, or because their year group bubble is closed, they should be staying at home and not coming into school to collect brothers and sisters with you. Wherever possible, if you need to collect other children, isolating pupils should stay at home with an adult. If you do not have anyone at all who can stay at home with them, you may bring your isolating child to collect other children at 3:30pm, once the playground is mostly empty. Please speak to the Office if you need to do this, so that we know you will be coming late.

Data sheets

It is very important at the moment that we have accurate information on your child's record, including up-to-date contact details for you and an emergency contact, in case we need to close a year group bubble or your child is not well in school. Each child has been sent home this week with a form showing the information we have for them on our data system. Please check this information carefully, make any necessary changes and return it to school as soon as possible. As always, if you change your contact details after returning the form, please let the Office know immediately.



Nasal flu immunisations

The nasal flu immunisation is available free to all children from Reception to Year 6 and will be delivered in school on the 11th November. Please return your form to school as soon as possible to say whether you do or do not wish your child to have the vaccination. Further information is on the back of the form.



School lunches

We are now able to offer hot meals for lunch again in school. If your child would like to have a school dinner, please ask them to tell their teacher in the morning during registration. All children in Reception to Year 2 receive a free school dinner. If your child is in Year 3 and above you will need to pay £2.30 per dinner via the schoolmoney cashless system if you are not eligible for Free School Meals due to your income and benefits. To check for Free School Meal eligibility, please contact the Office for an application form. If you need to set up or reset your schoolmoney account, again, please contact the Office for help. We are no longer able to accept cash for school dinners.



Secondary school applications for September 2021

If you require assistance with making an application for secondary school for your child, please contact Mrs Mockbil.

Cold weather

As the colder and wetter weather sets in for the Autumn, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school with them each day, as children do go out to play on cooler days. Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled clearly with your child's name. If you wish your child to wear boots when walking to school, please send them in with school shoes to change into.



Harvest Festival food bank collection

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated an item for our food bank collection. If you haven't yet, and are able to make a donation, please bring this in next week. This could be an item of non-perishable food, such as tinned food, rice pudding, tinned fruit and longlife fruit juice, soup, tinned meat and biscuits etc. or toiletries. Every item will help, so even a small donation will be gratefully accepted.



Parking around school

We have been contacted by one of our neighbours on Homer Street this morning who was unable to leave their house to take their own child to school and get to work, because one of our parents had parked a 67 plate white Ford Focus car across their driveway. Please ensure that you park with due care and consideration to our neighbours and always in a safe and legal way.

World Mental Health non-uniform day

We will be holding a non-uniform Day on Friday 9 October 2020 in support of World Mental Health Day. It would be great to see as many children as possible participating in this by wearing their own clothes, including something yellow, as this is the colour associated with World Mental Health Day! We would appreciate a donation of £1 per child, or however much you can, on the day to go towards the charity YoungMinds, which supports children's mental health. If you would like more information about this charity, you can visit their website: <https://youngminds.org.uk/>. Staff members will also be wearing yellow next week - see if you can spot who is wearing yellow each day!



Mrs Bains' SEND spotlight

One of the four broad areas of need is communication and interaction. Communication and interaction can be split into two main areas; one links to speech, language and communication difficulties and one links to autism. Children and young people with speech, language and communication needs have difficulty in communicating with others. This might be because they have difficulty saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them, or they do not understand social rules of communication. They may have difficulty with one, some or all of the different aspects of speech, language or social communication at different times of their lives. Some children with autism may find social interaction a challenge. As a school we are really fortunate to have a speech therapist that works with us. She assesses pupils on a regular basis and advises us as a school on various strategies and techniques we can use.



Mr Harrison shows his resilience

We are so proud of Mr Harrison for being an excellent role model, demonstrating our school value of resilience and completing his first triathlon in record time. A triathlon is an athletics event where you have to swim, cycle and run races one after another to finish in the fastest time. He completed a 0.5 mile swim in a very cold lake, a 12 mile cycle and a 3 mile run in 2 hours. Mr Harrison says that he loved the challenge of trying something new and that the atmosphere of support from the other athletes and those watching was fantastic. Mr Harrison has already set his sights on his second triathlon which is in May 2021. Good luck!



Safeguarding Information

Our Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of its pupils. We believe that everyone has an important part to play in child protection. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing or safety of any child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Miss Francis, Mrs Mockbil, Mrs Vigers or Miss Saboor. For your information, our Safeguarding Governor is Daniel Richards and the Local Authority Designated Officers (LADOs) are Nora Malik, Salma Shabir and Tracey Johnson. Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the Academy website.