



ST MARGARET'S COLLIER STREET

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 17th July 2020

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the academic year but we are and our attention has now very much shifted to September. We are very aware that there will be a combination of excitement as well as apprehension as the start of term approaches. Please be assured that the experience of opening for the hub provision in term 5 and then the 6 bubbles operating from the start of June has provided us all with the experiences in order to prepare thoroughly for the whole school return.

I would like to draw your attention to the following important points:

The DFE guidance states that as a school we must:

Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have COVID19 symptoms or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school. This is essential for ensuring that each class and the whole school can remain open and provide the education your children deserve. Therefore, please do not send your child into school if they have COVID19 symptoms or have tested positive in the last 7 days and inform us immediately. We will then follow Public Health England advice including engaging with the NHS 'Test and Trace' process. If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or high temperature or has a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell, they will be sent home and should remain at home for 7 days and arrange to have a test. We have procedures in place in the event of a child falling ill at school. Please note the other members of the class including adults do not need to go home to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves.

Ensure children wash their hands more often than usual. All procedures are in place for this including that all children will have hand sanitiser applied on arrival at school.

Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. This will be constantly reinforced.

Introduce enhanced cleaning. Again, this has become the norm in school with all classes issued with cleaning materials for use throughout the day.

Meeting the needs of all pupils

Even with the best endeavours, home schooling has its limitations. We are grateful for all that has been achieved. As a staff we have discussed and can now confirm what we will do to ensure that children are provided with the most effective curriculum from September. We will be:

Continuing to deliver a broad and ambitious curriculum for all year groups. Music, art, PE and other subjects will continue to be delivered. Staff will however be identifying additional opportunities to

reinforce essential skills in both Maths and English when other subjects are taught.

As in previous years, we will be assessing every child in Years 1-6 so that we have a reading and spelling age. Maths will be assessed through questioning and mini quizzes within lessons. This will then inform us of any dips in progress. We will then be identifying individuals and groups who need additional tutoring and interventions. We are employing an additional member of support staff, Mrs Brooker, a highly experienced Teaching Assistant who will then work alongside these children. Other support staff have also had their timetables amended to provide time for small group/booster sessions.

The school day:

As you will be aware from a previous e-mail this week, from Wednesday 2nd September, breakfast club will be reintroduced and will continue to take place in the Garden Room. The cost will be £4.00 per day per child. Depending on uptake, it may be necessary to bring in a booking system.

As now, we are encouraged to have staggered start and finish times but from September, the procedure will be as follows:

8.40am	Pippin Class
8.45am	Bramley
8.50am	Discovery

Russet class can arrive from 8.55 – 9.15 so that there's more time for the children to settle in alongside their parents.

Please ensure that only 1 adult from each family comes on to the school site. Children should go directly to their classrooms. Parents are not allowed in the school building. The one-way system will remain in place with families entering the site through the usual gate and then leave by the gate next to Pippin Class. Classrooms will have been adapted in order to accommodate all the pupils. Children will be sitting in rows, facing the front.

To ensure that every class has the same amount of time on the school site and so no curriculum time is lost, the following collection times will be in place:

3.00pm	Pippin Class
3.05pm	Bramley
3.10pm	Discovery

Russet class can be collected at 3.15pm.

Families with children in more than 1 class, will be able to arrive and collect from school at the time of your eldest child.

For term 1, no after school clubs will be offered.

Lunchtimes

Lunchtimes will continue to be 1 hour. Hot lunches will be available. All KS1 pupils will be eating at 12.00pm and all Key-Stage 2 at 12.35pm. The hall will be sanitised between sittings.

Belongings

Key-Stage 2 children are able to bring some personal belongings to school including a pencil case. Coats and bags can be brought to and from school. We will be encouraging pupils to leave their other belongings at school as much as possible.

Uniform

All pupils should be in full school uniform. From week beginning 7th September, PE lessons will be delivered and we are asking that on the days when PE is timetabled for your child's class, that PE kits are worn into school thus avoiding the need to change. Teachers will inform parents of PE lessons in September.

Class E-mails

As we are expecting pupils to be back at school in September, usual communication can resume and so class e-mail accounts will no longer be required. Any urgent queries can be sent via office@collier-street.kent.sch.uk.

Home Learning

We are aware of the huge amount of effort which has gone into home learning. Staff would like to recognise this by sharing the work and where appropriate awarding merits. Please could we ask that any work the pupils wish to share with their class mates or the adults is brought into school during the first 3 days.

Other news.....

On Monday, with no large gathering of parents permitted on the school site, we zoomed the end of year 'service' which this year took place from the classroom. Year 6 shared their memories and ambitions. I also presented the following awards:

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| • Baldwin Cup (contribution to school) | Harriet Barnes |
| • Arts Shield | Emily Ayling |
| • Bridle Cup (Sport) | Jola Rabiou |
| • Cookery | Galina Nedelcheva |
| • Van Mol Cup (Consistently high achievement) | Hermione Brown |

Many congratulations to them.

Finally.....

This year has been demanding in so many ways and as a community alongside the whole country, I am sure there will be further unknowns in the coming weeks and months. You may be interested to access this:

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/selfcaresummer-primary-pack/>

The Selfcare Summer Primary resource is full of fun activities designed to help children look after their mental health and wellbeing while enjoying themselves.

I would like to thank everyone for their sterling effort ensuring that we made the best out of a bad situation. As long as we are permitted to open in September, please be assured that we will be striving to make school life as normal and as effective as ever.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, may I wish you a relaxing summer holiday. We very much look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P.Ryan