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Information and Procedures - 24th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been a challenging week for us all. There has been a change in weather, which has affected the time children can spend outside and the school had a confirmed positive case of COVID-19. Thank you to everybody for your support during this difficult time. There have been a few questions from parents/carers, which I have responded to below:

Why has the school not closed?

The school follows National guidance and is supported in its decision making by the Department for Education (DfE) and the Local Health Protection Team. As this is only one case, the whole school does not need to close. Only those adults and children that have been in contact with the positive case have to self-isolate for 14 days.

Why are the brothers and sisters of children in the class who are self-isolating still going to school?

Only the children who have been in contact with the positive case or any child who has symptoms have to self-isolate. As soon as any member of your family has symptoms, you will all need to self-isolate.

What is the school doing to protect my child?

The school has a thorough risk assessment and has communicated this to parents/carers in the weekly newsletters. A copy of the risk assessment is available on the school's website. We are doing everything we can to keep the school as safe as possible and are regularly reviewing and updating our procedures as and when necessary.

On a positive note, it has been great to see so many parents/carers attending the virtual 'Meet the Teacher' events over the last 2 weeks. I know there were a few technical hitches while we get used to this new way of working and we hope to have all of these resolved before we hold any future events. The presentations for each year group will be uploaded on to Google Classroom for you to access.

This week, we also held the Year 6 transition to secondary school meeting. If you have a child in Year 6, you should have received a letter, along with the booklet to help you make this important decision. The deadline is the 31st October. If you need any support in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Curran or Miss Wilson Stroud through the school office.

I wish you all a very enjoyable and safe weekend. Remember - **HANDS, FACE & SPACE!**

Take care

Diane Barrick - Headteacher

NHS Test & Trace

In order to support the testing system, the NHS has written a letter to all parents/carers to clarify when a test should be taken. The letter is attached to today's email. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Start & End of the day arrangements

Following a review of our procedures, we have reorganised the start and end of the day arrangements as follows:

Start of the day:

From Monday 28th September, we will allow the older siblings of children in Nursery, Reception & Bluebell Class to bring their brothers and sisters in through the EYFS gate. Once they have taken them to the class, they can walk through the school grounds to get to their own classroom.

End of the day:

From TODAY, children in Snowdrop & Sunflower Classes will need to be collected from the EYFS gate. If you have older children in other classes across the school, you will need to collect them from their gate as normal.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Needing to speak to a teacher or other adult:

As you know, the end of the day is very busy. As a result, it is sometimes difficult to have a conversation with parents/carers at the school gate. It would help the school staff if you could contact the school via phone on 0208 534 4759 or through the school's email address at info@carpenters.newham.sch.uk.

Wellbeing Support

The Importance of Routine - morning, noon and night!

After 6 months away from school, it's no surprise that many of our children have been finding it a bit more challenging than usual to adjust back to the school routine. We've had the wellbeing team ready and waiting on the gate to support you in getting your children into class, and we've made sure that there's a clear timetable throughout the day to make sure children feel confident and secure in what they have to do whilst in school. Children feel safest when life is predictable!

We know that many of you have been finding the bed time and morning routines a struggle and, in response to this, I have collated some of the best online resources available to support parents/carers in managing those routines as effectively as you can.

NHS Live Well has this very useful advice page, with lots of tips on how to prepare your child for better sleep:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sleep-and-tiredness/healthy-sleep-tips-for-children/>

This article explains the importance of a good bed time routine, as well as advice pages on how to achieve a restful nights sleep:

<https://www.time4sleep.co.uk/blog/the-importance-of-a-bedtime-routine>

This link will take you to a charity website. This is an article on how to make sure your child has the best possible start to the day. They also have twitter, email or helpline you can contact for advice:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/primary/learning-school/establishing-a-school-routine/>

Here you'll find a list of resources to support both the morning and bed time routines, from timers, to sequencing sticks. Many of these can be made if buying them isn't an option at this time.

<http://www.learningspaceuk.co.uk/whatson/top-10-routine-aides-for-children/>

Miss Hobbs - Assistant Head & Wellbeing Lead

Homework

A reminder that homework has now been set online. It will continue to be assigned on a Thursday and handed in on a Monday. Where possible we will be encouraging children to complete their homework on their Google Classroom accounts, but will be providing children in Years 1 and 2 with homework books until they gain confidence in using these. If your child is in Years 3-6 and does not have access to a computer, we are able to provide them with a homework book and a printed copy of the work. Please make contact with Ms Hook, via the school office on 020 8534 4759 or email her at info@carpenters.newham.sch.uk if this is something you would like the school to arrange for you and/or if you have any other questions.

Summer Reading Challenge

If your child took part in the virtual summer reading challenge with the library, please let Miss Goode know by emailing her to info@carpenters.newham.sch.uk. We will be delighted to present your child/ren with a certificate.

Your Community Citizens' Assembly Update

Come along to find out what has been achieved in your local area and the outcomes of the chosen community assembly projects. There will also be the opportunity to provide feedback and to give your input on how we can design and improve future community citizens' assemblies. Two assemblies will be held, one at a venue and another online through the Zoom platform.

Stratford and West Ham Community Citizens' Assembly Wednesday 30th September

- Attend in person: 11am-12.30pm at Old Stratford Town Hall, 29 The Broadway, London E15 4BQ
- Join us online: 6pm-7.30pm - Zoom details will be sent a day before the assembly.

You will need to register at www.newham.gov.uk/CitizensAssemblies to join the online assembly or to attend in person and you can also register for special requirements to enable you to attend.

Numbers are limited to 12 for the assembly being held in a venue to ensure we can maintain social distancing measures and make sure everyone stays COVID-19 safe. Please note you will also be expected to wear a face covering.

For more information contact CitizensAssemblies@newham.gov.uk

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