



A Big Thank You

I would like to say a big thank you to parents and carers for your patience and understanding during a challenging start to a new academic year.

We now have smooth, and more importantly safe routines and systems in place for drop-offs and pick-ups and dinner times.

Punctuality has helped enormously, both at the start and the end of each day.

The quick response to the wearing of face masks was well received and reduced anxieties, so thank you for responding so fully to that request.

Your children have returned to school with an excellent attitude. Behaviour is impressive, and the children are engaged in learning and working hard. What a wonderful start!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is running well. Thank you to everyone who read the document sent home.

There will be no changes to breakfast club as long as numbers do not greatly increase.

It has been really helpful when families have been selecting their sessions for the following week.

If you have any problems with Parent Pay please contact the office.



Packed Lunch Boxes



I have a request that could help us out regarding packed lunches. We would be very grateful if you could send your child to school with lunch boxes that are in **a wipeable container, no backpacks** at all. In addition, we would be grateful if you could **consider the size of your child's lunch box**. We have a number of children on packed lunches and some come into school in very large novelty type lunch boxes.

Members of staff have to wipe them down every day and carry them down to the hall in boxes and we are trying to reduce weight and visits to the hall.

We would really appreciate your support on this matter.



Good News to Share

Some of you may have noticed an observer out with the lollipop lady last week. It was a Road Safety Officer from the Local Authority. She came across the road to share how impressed she was with our school, commenting on the children's wonderful manners and how considerate parents were. It was nice for someone to notice what a wonderful school we have!

Seesaw and Home Learning and Homework

Over the next week, staff are going to be working on our Seesaw log ins and accounts for the children. The accounts need to be re-arranged into new classes, and in some cases, children may need new QR codes and log ins.



We had an amazing response and engagement from so many parents in the Summer term, so we know how effective home learning can be when it is necessary. It is probable, that in the coming months we may need to use this platform for home learning, so it is really important that **all families** engage in setting up accounts for their children.

We will be reaching out to parents and carers, so that in the case that bubbles are closed, or children have to isolate for any reason, they can continue their work at home. Seesaw is also an excellent way for parents and teachers to communicate.

As a result of restrictions relating to Covid, we will also be using Seesaw to set homework for the children. We are restricting items going back and forth between home and school, and Seesaw is an excellent tool for sharing.

Birthday cakes

A few parents have asked this question, and I know this is sad, but unfortunately you will not be able to send in cakes to celebrate your children's birthdays.



Class 1 Seesaw is ready to go!

Parents and carers of children in Class 1 are able to communicate with their class teachers **now** using Seesaw.

How can I find out about my child and how well they are doing?

How can I share my concerns?

Staff are all very aware that parents like to know how well their children have settled into new routines and new classes. Unfortunately, because of the new restrictions, we can no longer catch up at the gate as we have done in the past.

Please, if you have concerns around your child, especially if you are worried about their emotional well being, send an email to school to share your worries, or call the office. These messages will be shared with relevant members of staff, and teachers will reach out to you when they can.

Once Seesaw is set up within the new classes, this will be an excellent way of communicating with parents, as parents and carers will have their own log in. Teachers will be able to upload photos of children's work and share with parents.

Questions about Covid

School will be sending out separate documentation regarding illness and Covid scenarios.