

WITTERING PRIMARY SCHOOL & FAMILIES CENTRE

“LEARNING TO FLY HIGH”

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Dear Parents

Welcome Back !

It has been brilliant having the children back in school this week as well as seeing all of you. Our reception children start to join us from Monday and our school will feel complete again. Thank you for sending your children in even though some of them may have been a little nervous (as you may have been) they have settled back in brilliantly. Our attendance rate for the first four days was at 99.9% that is incredible and potentially one of the highest in the country. Thank you.

Thank you as well for following the new systems around school. I know sometimes people will forget but please try to keep to them as much as possible. I am sure they will become routine quite quickly. We shall be developing our procedures as we progress through the next few weeks (we are looking at PE kits at the moment) but please be patient with us. There is always a reason behind our decisions.

Please can I ask that pick up and drop offs are timely. I appreciate that there are some parents who have to wait between the drop off times but it still helps us to reduce the number of people on site. If you have children who have a pick up at 3pm and 315pm please be ready for the 3pm pick and refrain from coming at a time between the two.

You can continue to help us by not sending in children if they or a family member are showing any of the symptoms of Covid and whilst we are entering cold & flu “season” it is still really important to be vigilant about this and always let us know. If a child develops symptoms in school during the day we have procedures in place to deal with this. This includes letting the relevant year group bubble parents know that this has happened (without identifying the pupil) and the outcome of any potential test that has been taken. I completely understand that some of you may be a little anxious if this happens but we shall keep you informed as much as we can and any steps you would need to take. In the case of a positive test result then we would be taking advice and guidance from Public Health England on what we would need to do next. We have increased cleaning in school and whilst things may be a little different in school for the children we are doing our absolute best to make the day as “normal” as we can.

Staffing

I am delighted to welcome several new members of staff into school this week. Mrs Potter has started in the school office. Mrs Conway-Wallace, Mrs Hough and Mr Dummigan have started as teaching assistants and Mrs Pollard has started in her role of running the Chill Club.

Class Dojo

If you haven't signed up yet please do so. If you have not received an invite to do so then please



get in touch with us so we can get it sorted. From next week, all of our school newsletters will be sent out via dojo and we shall be closing down the contact@wittering email address. Dojo is proving an excellent way of communicating with teachers as well and it makes it easier for us to show you some of the things going on in the classrooms. It is free and used as an app.

Reading Books & Book Club

If you have any school reading or library books at home please can you send them back to school. This will help us to look at how we can best organise getting the reading scheme moving again and children reading at home. We have had to pause book club at the moment but when we have a start-up date and details I will let you know.

Families Centre

We are working hard to start to open up the centre and to see what we can offer and what is possible. I will send out more details when we have them.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher