



13th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

- We are constantly reviewing our organisation and the control measures we have in relation to Covid-19. We are now trying to encourage as many children as possible to have a school meal at lunchtime rather than bringing in a packed lunch from home. We are finding that packed lunch boxes and bags are taking up much needed space in the classrooms at the moment. We are also trying to reduce the number of things children bring in from home as an additional safety measure.

To support this, we have asked the company that provides our school meals - Chartwells - to provide a sandwich option as an additional offer on the menu each day. The children will continue to be able to choose from the main meal options which always include a Halal option and a vegetarian option each day along with vegetables, salad, a desert or fruit. Please see the attached letter from the Regional Manager for Chartwells and the amended school menu with the sandwich choices. These choices may vary slightly but are based on what we already know to be favourites with the children.

- Remember that if your child does have Covid-19 symptoms they should self-isolate for 10 days and the other members of your household should isolate for 14 days.

It is very important that you inform us if your child has any of the covid-19 symptoms and will be self-isolating.

If we ask you to collect your child from school because they have symptoms:

- they should isolate for 10 days.
- You should arrange a test for your child either by ordering a home test kit or by booking an appointment and going to a testing centre.
- If the result of the test is negative and you are happy to share the result with us, your child can come back to school if they are well enough to do so.
- If you do not feel able to share the result with us it is important that your child completes the self-isolation for 10 days and does not return before. This is to keep the rest of the school community safe and reduce the risk of spread.

The symptoms to look out for are:

- a high temperature,
- a new continuous cough,
- loss of sense of taste or smell

If your child is self-isolating, work will be sent home for them to complete. The Year Lead or your child's teacher will send you a letter with the relevant information and login details for DB Primary.

- With the current ongoing rise in cases of Covid-19 nationally and the second lockdown it is even more important for us all to work together by:
 - Wearing face coverings
 - Social distancing
 - Washing hands,
 - respiratory hygiene - catch it, bin it, kill it - use a tissue when you cough or sneeze and then throw it away.
- Please remember to wear a face covering when you come onto the site. Unless you are exempt from wearing a mask and can show this with the relevant evidence card this is an expectation for all parents coming onto the site.
- Children who come to school wearing a reusable mask should have a small sealable plastic bag to put it in when they take it off. Temporary face coverings should be disposed of in the bin on arrival.
- We still have a few children coming to school without a coat. Please make sure your children have a warm coat in school every day - even if they say they don't need one.
- Please **supervise your children** when you have collected them and keep them with you. The children should not be playing in the conservation area, climbing and playing on the adobe at the far end of the field or on the play structures in the playground. This is very important and ensures their safety.
- **Social distancing is really important** as part of all our efforts to reduce the spread of Covid-19, along with good hygiene and wearing face coverings. Please do not gather in the playground or at the gates to speak with other parents. You should all be adhering to social distancing guidance with staff, children and parents **at all times** including when walking along the paths on the school site.

Homework

The teachers have asked me to remind you all about the importance of your children completing their homework when it is set. The homework is an integral part of the children's learning and is particularly important for the children following their extended absence from school due to the first lockdown earlier this year. The homework is used to consolidate and reinforce the children's learning and may also prepare them for the learning that is to come in the next week.

In Year 2 for example, the children have:

- **Spellings** : Set on DB Primary and now a hard copy given to every pupil each Thursday. (Spelling test in class on the following Thursday)
- **Maths**: Games and worksheets set on Education City each Thursday. (Children who are unable to access the worksheets are given a hard copy and the games can be accessed on a tablet or phone).
- **Phonics**: Games and worksheets set on Education City each Thursday (Children who are unable to access the worksheets are given a hard copy and the games can be accessed on a tablet or phone).

Lots of Children are not logging on or completing all of the activities set and as a consequence are missing out on learning opportunities which will help them in school.

- Remember the **drop off and collection times** for your children.

YEAR GROUP	START TIME	FINISH TIME
Reception	9.25am	3.00pm
Year 1	9.00am	3.10pm
Year 2	9.15am	3.20pm
Year 3	9.15am	3.20pm
Year 4	9.00am	3.30pm
Year 5	8.45am	3.30pm
Year 6	8.45am	3.30pm

- Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your drop off or pick up time.
- Please be punctual
- Please leave the site immediately.
- **Only one parent/ adult** per family will be permitted onto the site.
- If you have more than one child, please drop them all off in the morning with the **earliest child** and pick up with the **youngest child**. We are trying to encourage children in Year 5 and Year 6 to stay until 3.30pm even if they have younger siblings.

I know that these are difficult times for everyone at the moment but thank you for your continued understanding, support and cooperation.

Christine Haslam
Headteacher