



Newsletter 29: 15th May 2020 Edition

The possible re-opening of school for certain children...

I know that the announcement, last Sunday, from the Prime Minister has led to anxiety, raised concerns and increased the need for information about how Ridgeway will respond to this Government request.

My priority, and that of our staff and Governors, is to do everything we can to make our school as safe as possible for any children who attend. I want to assure everyone, staff, parents and children alike, that we are looking at all of the general implications and the logistical challenges unique to our school, that will ensure and enable us to maximise the safety of our school community. We are all working hard together, to make sure we do everything we can to keep everyone safe.

We have a plan and intend to put out more details early next week about how we intend to operate. In the meantime please rest assured that the government has chosen to take the stance, that I had already planned to take, if schools re-open before the end of the current academic year, there will be **NO FINES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL**. As parents and carers, you know your circumstances the best. If you feel the safest course of action is to keep your children at home and continue with Remote Learning, school will whole-heartedly support you in this decision.

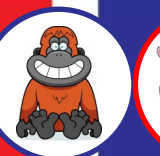
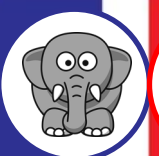
I am sorry I cannot share more details with you at this time, but I will in the coming days.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that our provision for Key Workers is still only accessible if sending your child to school is unavoidable. The Government, although asking more people to return to work, have not changed the criteria for Key Workers. In addition, with the space we have available in school we can only provide care for a limited number of children. Therefore, please do not send children if any other provision to keep them safe at home is available.

I would like, once again, to thank everyone for the support we have received over the last eight weeks and I wish you all well at this challenging time.

Keep supporting each other, take care, stay safe,

Mr Wilson



A Few Reminders...

Remote Learning Books...

As we have been remote learning for a while now, some children are nearing the end of their exercise book. We are happy for you to collect another exercise book from school. To maintain social distancing, if you let us know when you are coming, by phoning the school office, we will put the book on the school wall, just inside the gate. If, however, you have Covid-19 symptoms or cannot leave the house for medical reasons please contact us and we will deliver the book to you. Thank you.

From the Immunisation Team...



For the school year starting September 2020 we will be continuing with the e-consent for the Flu Programme. This year we are vaccinating children in Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. When completing the e-consent please state the year group your child will be in at the beginning of the school year September 2020 NOT their current year group.

Please visit <http://bit.do/frbeL> or scan the QR (for iPhone and Android's with the "scan me" app) to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so *please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.*



Your unique school code for Ridgeway Primary School is **DD112546**

For more information about the vaccination and the date we are due into your school please visit our website: <http://www.derbyshireschoolnurses.org.uk/parents/immunisations> If you experience any problems please call the School Age Immunisation Team: Repton: 01283 707178 or Clay Cross: 01246 252953 or email us DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net



Online Safety—Reminder

Please continue to use the online safety materials on our website <https://www.ridgewayprimary.com/parents/e-safety> to help keep our children safe during this digital period.

Please remind them of 'The Granny Rule'. *If your Granny was sitting at the side of you when you are online, would she approve of what you are doing, saying or viewing?*

I will continue to update the Cyber Crime Unit of Derbyshire Police updates. These are on the Online Safety page, as downloadable PDFs, under the heading, *"Cyber Crime: Info for Parents"*



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