



Friday Fortnightly

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Welcome to our first Friday Fortnightly of the year!

This is a year in school like none we have ever experienced before, but we will pull together and make it work for everyone—children, staff and parents. Whilst we are unable to hold gatherings for things such as class assemblies, training sessions for parents and Learner Reviews, we do intend that all these activities will continue using Google meetings. It will be different—but I am sure it will still be beneficial for us to share in these school activities.

We have loved welcoming our children back into school this week—and a special welcome to our newest members of Team Burraton... all our little people who have joined Tamar or Brunel class this week!

Advice regarding the need for Covid-19 Testing -

Public Health England and the NHS Test and Trace Service have asked school leaders to communicate to parents when a test should be sought - and also when it shouldn't be sought. This is the guidance.

Pupils and staff who feel unwell, should only get tested if:

1. They develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:

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

2. they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse).

If a pupil, student or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only that individual should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. If pupils or staff do not exhibit one of the three main symptoms, then they should only be tested if instructed to do so by the local authority, health protection team or their GP.

If pupils feel unwell, for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache, they do not need to have a test but may need to stay off school and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

The advice can be accessed in full on this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-from-phe-and-nhs-test-and-trace-to-school-and-college-leaders/letter-from-phe-and-nhs-test-and-trace-to-school-and-college-leaders?utm_source=3%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20

Books Wanted - With the increasing demand on our reading books (due to books having to be quarantined) we would very much welcome donations of any good quality books (which are suitable for KS2 readers and which are in a good state of repair) to add to our supplies. They would need to be listed on our Accelerated Reader programme - you can check this by going to:

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx?RedirectURL=%2fdefault.aspx>

If your child has outgrown their books, we would be happy to receive them on this basis. Please send them into school in a sealed plastic bag if you would like to donate. Thank you in advance for your support.



ParentPay - ParentPay is our communication system and also where you can pay for school meals. Please ensure you are using the email address that you registered with in order to access the communications being sent out from school. Please also ensure your child's dinner money account is in credit so that your child can be provided with a school meal. Whilst school meals are free for EYFS and KS1, once children move into KS2 their meals have to be paid for unless they are entitled to free school meals. See our separate communication regarding benefit related free school meals that was sent to you this morning.



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Parent Training Courses

There are fully funded Level 2 training courses available to parents in the following subjects:

NCFE Cache Level 2 Certificate in Children & Young People's Mental Health

NCFE Cache Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism

MCFE Cache Level 2 Certificate in Mental Health Awareness

NCFE Cache Level 1 Certificate in Behaviour That Challenges (how mental health impacts behaviour patterns).

NCFE Cache Level 2 Certificate in Mental Health First Aid and Advocacy in the Workplace.

If you would like further information regarding these courses, please let us know and we will email you the full details.



Risk Assessment - as previously mentioned, our risk assessment is a dynamic document that will be revised and updated as necessary. Since the risk assessment was issued to you last week, there have been a few additions as a result of our monitoring of systems:

From Monday 14th September:

- the pedestrian gate into the staff car park will be an ENTRANCE only.
- The large double gates by Snell Drive car park by the playground will be an EXIT only.
- The small pedestrian gate leading from Snell Drive will be an ENTRANCE only.
- Thorn Lane path will be an EXIT only.

We also ask that older children who are sufficiently confident to enter school by themselves say goodbye to parents on the perimeter of the school, rather than having parents accompanying them to the classroom door. This will help us reduce congestion of adults in certain areas of the school.

E-Safety - Tic Toc is an app that is for use by young people of at least 16 years of age. Despite this, we are aware that some of our children do have accounts. Please ensure you check your child's account frequently: there is an extremely unpleasant video circulating on Tic Toc currently, which would be highly disturbing and upsetting for children should they inadvertently view it.

Hand Sanitiser - We are finding that hand washing is taking up enormous amounts of time! One class of thirty children can take up to fifteen minutes: multiply this by five times during the day, and we are losing over an hour and a quarter learning time each day! To save time and help things run more smoothly, we are sanitising children's hands on one or two occasions during the day instead of handwashing. If you would rather we do not use sanitiser on your child's hands, please let us know.

Reminders

Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking your car at the beginning and end of the day. We have had several complaints of cars being parked across driveways, preventing the residents getting out to go to work.

A Thank You

Thank you to all of our parents who are proving to be highly supportive of the school in following our risk assessment. It feels as though there is a real community effort in helping to keep everyone safe.



Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs L Tamblyn, Head Teacher