Dear Parents,

**Communication with parents**
In the current situation it is important that we can communicate with parents in a fast and effective manner. We do this with letters via your email addresses for the most part and often send a notification on a text. Please make sure that if you change emails or numbers that you let us know asap. It is also important that you check these regularly. Thank you for your support.

**Parents and visitors to school**
Please understand that in the current situation we are not accepting parents and other visitors into school. Contractors and agencies working with children are an exception as they have their own risk assessments and PPE to do this. Teachers, TA’s are available on the doors to pass on messages and if you call the office will relay messages to teachers. Thank you for your understanding.

**Benches and Play Equipment**
Please can we politely remind you not to sit on the benches in the playgrounds or let your children play on the equipment. Thank you.

**Water Bottles**
Please can you make sure that your child has a water bottle in school with them every day. Thank you.

**Census Day - KS1 Universal Free School Meals Pupils – Thursday 1st October 2020**
Next Thursday, 1st October, is census day. This is in an effort to encourage ALL of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to have a school meal who do not usually have a school lunch. The majority of children in KS1 do have a school meal and thoroughly enjoy it. If your child would normally have a packed lunch we will cook them a meal on this day and they can try some of what is on offer to experience it. You will be able to send in a packed lunch too if you wish and are concerned your child may not eat a hot meal. We are just providing this option for them to give it a try. It’s free for KS1 so why not?

The menu this day is:
- Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v), Pea & Potato Croquette (v) and Fruit Crumble and Custard

**Flu Vaccination**
The nasal influenza vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception to Year 7. The Flu team are scheduled to visit Sowerby Primary Academy this Autumn as part of this programme. If you would like your child to receive this immunisation, please ensure your consent form has been submitted no later than 4/10/2020 – if you submit your consent form after this date your child may be missed when they visit school.

**How do I give my consent?**
1. Go to https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/
2. Enter the School Code 145369 and click “Find School”.
3. Complete the form with your child’s information and parent/guardian contact information*
4. Click the green “Submit” button.

If you provide a valid email address you will receive an automatic email confirmation to say your form
has been submitted. You will receive an email to let you know that your child has been vaccinated in school. If your child has specific medical requirements one of the nurses may need to get in touch before they are due to visit school. Your contact information will never be passed to third parties. To find out more Please visit https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine for more information about the childhood influenza vaccination programme.

You can contact the childhood immunisations team on hdft.childhood.immunisations@nhs.net or 01423 542360. They are a small team and cannot always answer the phone straight away, so please leave a message if there is no one available to take your call. They endeavor to respond to all queries within one working day.

REMINDERS at the start of a new school year to help things run smoothly. Thank you!

- Communication With Parents
Your support for your child’s education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.

Attendance Last week:
Whole school 95.3%, unauthorised absence 0.1%. Best class attendance Amber class 100%. Well done!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Ungerechts
Head Teacher

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