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Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme

I would like to remind parents that on Monday 19th October, the school will be carrying out the Nasal Flu Vaccinations for those children whose parents have completed the consent form. If you have any queries or concerns around your child's general wellness on the day of the vaccination, please contact school directly.

School Photographs

On Tuesday 6th October, individual photographs were taken in school. Photographs are available to order via the John Hunt website using your allocated code. If you are having any difficulties accessing these, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Reminder Secondary School Application Deadline

Could I please remind parents the deadline for application for Secondary School places for Sept 2021 is fast approaching. The application deadline is 31st Oct 2020. Applications can be made online at www.salford.gov.uk/school-admissions-online

Parent Evenings - Autumn Term

As we approach the half term break, I wanted to share with parents how impressed both myself and the staff have been with how well the children have transferred back to school. Following discussions with staff, we have made the decision to bring parents evening forward to November. This will allow teachers to provide updates on your child's progress and next steps in learning. We will be holding the sessions on Monday 9th November (4pm - 8pm) and Wednesday 11th November (4pm - 5pm). The sessions for parents will be extended from 5 minute to 8 minute appointments which will allow teachers enough time to share the necessary update. These sessions will be remote video meetings and will be facilitated by our usual parent evening booking system. The sessions will require parents to log in punctually as if they are late for the session, time will be lost. The session will also provide a countdown for parents and teachers regarding when the session will end. We will be completing some staff training to ensure that these meetings run as smooth as possible. Details regarding booking appointments will be sent out early next week.

Seesaw - Home Learning App

This week, all families should have received their child's unique log in code for our new home learning app 'Seesaw'. Could I please urge parents to download and log in as a matter of urgency. Today, all teachers will be posting an introduction activity to support both the children and parents in becoming familiar with how responses are posted. After half term, this knowledge will be essential as this will be the platform that we will be using to post all of our home learning activities.

At the end of next week, Key Stage One and Two children will also be bringing home a resource pack that can be used during periods of isolation. These will include exercise books, stationery and other resources that teachers feel would be helpful to support children in their home learning. Please could we ask parents to keep these safe and at hand ready for use as required.

I would like to reassure parents that we have had no guidance or information communicated to school to imply that a whole school lockdown is likely. All of the plans we are making, we are doing so to ensure that if individuals or bubbles of children are required to isolate, that both children and families have the best support in place to allow for our children's learning to continue.

World Mental Health Day—Update

Thank you to all those who supported our charity day last Friday. I am pleased to share that, with your support, we raised £500 For the YoungMinds charity.

Lunchtime Arrangements for Bubble Groups

Following a couple of queries, we would like to clarify the lunchtime arrangements for school meals. As explained in the Parent Covid Information Booklet, we are having to keep children in their bubble groups over lunchtime which has meant that on certain days pupils will have sandwiches in their classroom. Our system is that pupils need to choose either the 'School Meal' option for the full week or 'Packed Lunches' all week. For children in years 3-6 who choose 'School Meals', payment must be made for the full week, even if you decide to send in a homemade packed lunch on their sandwich days. Due to Covid-19, this will be our School Meal provision offering for the foreseeable future.

School Uniform

As we approach the winter, I would like to raise awareness of a challenge we are currently facing in school. Due to the government guidance regarding the need to keep classrooms well ventilated, we are having to have windows open. As the temperatures drop, I would like to inform parents that it is okay to send children with additional layers if required (i.e. vest, skins etc). We are also permitting children to wear an additional fleece, either a Broadoak one from McLellans or a plain grey/navy alternative.