



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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School News

- Welcome back! We have been delighted with the very positive return to school. All children and staff have quickly got into routine and it has been business as usual, albeit without the mixing of class bubbles, increased hand washing and extensive cleaning systems in place.
- Our new starters have been incredible! The reception children have settled in to Class 1 seamlessly and we are very proud of them for being so brave when they are so little. Mr Mortimer would like to thank all the parents for their patience in enabling the Class 1 children to come into school in turn.
- We are rigidly following the guidelines set out by NYCC and the Health & Safety Service alongside the everchanging government regulations whilst keeping a mindful eye on Union Advice to ensure the safety of everyone. We are sure you will appreciate we feel we are tiptoeing through a minefield!
- The staggered starts and finishes have worked really well and will remain in place until further notice.
- Please ensure that nothing other than the absolute essentials are brought into school as set out in the flyer emailed on 21st July.
- Information received from NYCC County Caterers leads us to believe that the school cold lunches will stay in place for some considerable time. As always, as soon as we know anything, we will let you know.
- In accordance with guidelines, we are unable to process books from home without a 48-hour quarantine period, therefore teachers will be using the website where possible for communicating matters relating to the curriculum as they did throughout lockdown, which will minimise resources going between home and school. Class teachers will be uploading class specific information to the website in due course.
- We will be using the outdoor spaces as much as possible and PE will take place outside whenever we can, weather permitting.
- We are unable to have any assemblies including Celebration Assembly, however, we have arranged that each class will visit Chapel separately once a month on a rota. The new Chapel day will be on a Wednesday to enable the Chapel to be thoroughly cleaned with a 72-hour gap between use as they have been advised. Each class will hold their own assembly each day and, on a Friday, awards will still be presented in the classes.
- It is our intention that School Clubs will resume as soon as possible and as soon as we have a start date we will let you know. There will certainly be no clubs for the next two weeks. This is because we have to evaluate how the new Health & Safety Systems are working, what spaces can be used and to ensure that for safeguarding purposes we can provide the staff needed to run them. On this note, SCSS have been secured to run a sports club on a Monday after school once clubs begin.
- Looking to the future, unfortunately we are unable to commit to Harvest Festival worship or Christmas Performances at this time. Again, if the guidance changes, we will let you know as soon as possible, however, be reassured that staff are already considering alternative possibilities.
- If any personal details have changed, please let the office know as soon as possible via email i.e address/email changes, contact telephone numbers or allergies etc.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL.
WE KINDLY REQUEST NO NUTS OR NUT DERIVATIVES ARE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL IN PACKED LUNCHES OR AS SNACKS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

We are all guided by the Slingsby Values for Life: Respect, Honesty, Resilience, Expectations and Caring for Others

- The sun is still quite hot and the teachers have asked that if it is a sunny day, please apply sun cream before school and provide a sun hat if you wish your child to wear one. Equally on a cold day, please make sure the children have plenty of layers because we will be keeping windows and doors open for increased ventilation. Please ensure all clothing is labelled.
- We all continue to working under very difficult circumstances and we fully appreciate how difficult it has been for many of our families. Please be patient and kind with everyone. We are stronger together.



School Coronavirus Symptoms Policy – Very Important

As a school we are following the DFE guidance for dealing with Coronavirus symptoms in school and we would be hugely grateful for your support and diligence in following the same.

If a child displays any of the following symptoms in school:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste
- Sickness or diarrhoea

The class teacher will discreetly take them from class and seat them in an office dedicated to quarantining with full ventilation. The office will telephone parents or the emergency contact provided and ask that the child is collected immediately. Parents should then follow the government Guidance for Households with Possible or Confirmed Coronavirus Infection. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

You must book a test straight away and only leave the house to take the test. You must not have any visitors and anyone the child lives with or in their home support bubble, must also stay at home until the result is received. The school class bubble does not have to self- isolate at that point. You must notify school as soon as you receive your result and if positive, the child’s whole class bubble will be told to self- isolate for 14 days.

If anyone in a child’s household or home support bubble becomes symptomatic, school must be informed and the child must be kept at home until that person’s test results are obtained. If anyone in a child’s household or support bubble tests positive the child must stay at home for 14 days.



Teachers2Parents App for New Starters

Any urgent communications will be announced via the T2P App. For our new families, the Teachers to Parents App only becomes active once the School Office has input contact numbers from the returned Starter Packs into our management system. If you try to download the App and it does not work, please try again in a few days or contact the office.



Parent Pay – please keep accounts in credit

Parent Pay is now being updated once again with lunches and we will be adding clubs once they resume. New families will receive their Parent Pay activation codes in due course. Existing families with new starters can add them to your existing account. We would be hugely grateful if you could ensure that you keep your account in credit. Please be reminded that the price of a school meal for KS2 children is now £2.66. (KS1 remain entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals)



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