



## Weekly Newsletter Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Welcome Back

I am delighted to report that the term has started well, and the children are quickly settling into our new routines. Thank you very much for supporting us with all the additional measures we have put in place and ensuring a smooth start to the term. It is wonderful to be welcoming all the children back and the school has felt alive again with more children on site. It is so fabulous to hear their voices carrying down the corridor.

As the week has progressed, we have been reviewing the new routines and procedures and have made the following changes/observations:

- Some parents are arriving too early to collect children at the end of the day meaning that groups of adults are gathering for long periods on the playground – please minimise this by arriving as close to 3:10 p.m. as possible and maintaining social distancing.
- Some parents are waiting around after they have dropped children off and waving through the window which causes congestion around the classroom for other parents and children arriving. When your child has gone into class please ensure that you leave promptly.
- There are a large number of children coming out onto the KS1 playground (4 classes). In order to give classes more space we will now dismiss Seahorses class out of the corridor door to the end of the KS1 classrooms. We have added this to the map and reattached it.

We will keep our routines under constant review and continue to adapt them to maintain an environment that is as safe as possible for everyone. I apologise for all the changes, but we only really see how things work whilst the school is operational and as different issues arise.

### Government Fruit Scheme – EYFS/KS1

I am pleased to inform you that the above scheme has been reinstated and we are now able to provide children from EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 with a healthy snack to enjoy each morning. Children will no longer be permitted to eat their own snacks so please do not send these into school to avoid any disappointment. Any snacks the children bring into school will be sent home again.

### Snacks in KS2

Children in Key Stage 2 may continue to bring a snack into school but to ensure this aligns with the expectations for Key Stage 1 this may only be fresh fruit or vegetables. Children will not be permitted to eat items that do not fit this description, so please do not send other snacks into school to avoid any disappointment. Any snacks other than fresh fruit or vegetables that the children bring into school will be sent home again.

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This is a change to previous expectations, so please ensure you and your child are familiar with the new rules regarding snacks. These changes have been made to promote healthy eating and equality across the school and will take effect from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Hand Sanitiser**

Could we please ask parents not to send in any hand sanitiser as we have adequate supplies within school, and it is not on our list of permitted items. Thank you

### **The Hideout**

We will start to review the risk assessment for The Hideout over the next 2 weeks with a view to re-opening as soon as possible. In order to support us in this process we would appreciate it if you could complete this [short survey](#) to indicate the level of need for The Hideout. Please only complete the survey if you would like your child to attend. If you are a parent of an EYFS child who hasn't started yet please complete the survey to let us know that you will need before and after school care. It doesn't matter if you do not start to use it straight away, but it means we can factor in your intention to use it when your child is ready. Please complete this survey no later than Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Communication**

It is very important for emergency purposes, that we have your up to date contact details. Please let us know if you have changed your mobile number etc. via the School's email address ([office@wpa.education](mailto:office@wpa.education)). Pupil Data Sheets which confirm all contact details will be sent out in the next couple of weeks for you to check and return. Thank you

### **School Office Closure**

Please note that the School Office will now be closed every day from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Messages can be left on the answerphone which will be checked at 1:00 p.m.

### **Dates for your diary**

To be confirmed in due course