

THANK YOU!

The arrival at the school gate at 8:40am onwards has helped the queuing. The school gates open between 8:40 and 8:45am. Please do not send older pupils to the gates before this time unsupervised. We have lots of staff available in the morning and afternoon when the gates open so children arrive to class safely. Thank you for walking continuously and wearing face coverings on our school site.

APPOINTMENTS/FORGOTTEN ITEMS

As you are aware, we are retaining our RESTART risk mitigation procedures in school to ensure we are doing all we possibly can to keep our classes functioning in school.

As things start to evolve and open up in the community, this brings evident risks for us in school. Please note that, for now, we are still requesting that:

1. Pupils get appointments (Doctor, Dentist etc) outside school hours or in the afternoon as they cannot return to school to their class bubble.
Ref: Hospital appointments – please contact Mr McAuley, Mrs Mulligan or our school office.
2. Any item forgotten in the morning should not be brought later to school, after the gates have closed. Please ensure all pupils have all they need for the day before entering their classrooms. Children will manage without the forgotten item that day.

NAMES ON UNIFORM

Please check your child's name is on their coat/sweatshirt. This really helps us in the summer months when these are removed in school.

REMINDER

Parking is free for us in Harrier Way and with parking permits in the Town Hall Carpark. Please use these parking areas for drop off and pick up times when possible.

RESTART

We are currently reviewing and making decisions about our practices in school concerning Curriculum, Assessment and Homework. We are delivering our Plan for Curriculum on the basis of what our children have gained this past year and the great work done at home and school.

We will be providing a pupil Annual Report in June (interim format for this year) giving you information on the progress of Core Subjects this year. You will understand this will be on the basis of all the information we have available to us in this COVID19 year again.

We have also had a different Homework routine this year due to restrictions and overall this has work well. We are committed to returning to reviewing our practice in this area for a way forward. We will keep you informed in the progression of this.

ACCELERATED READER (P4-7)

The encouragement of reading is one of our core purposes in school and we are delighted that our Accelerated Reader Programme, with the older pupils, has shown real personal progress for all children in our classes. We strongly encourage our pupils to look on their progress in an individual way and not in comparison to others. Overall, the children have read approximately 5000 books since we started. *Amazing!*

Thank you for all your positive feedback to staff and encouragement at home regarding this programme. Any issues that arise, we try to resolve these quickly for the benefit of all.

P1-3 Reading is also moving at a pace. Many parents are really investing time in this area at home – particularly with less written work being done for homework at this time.

Keep this up folks. Being a good reader opens many doors of success in Education and great enjoyment, in future life.

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