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Welcome back to after what has seemed like an absolute age! We were really pleased to see everyone back in school last week and to hear them at work and play. The school feels vibrant again and it is a joy to be part of it. We can't wait to welcome the Year R's into our school community next week.

As you know, we have put in place many changes to make the school safer for the children, staff and families and I thank you for your part in that. There are changes that I know will irritate or annoy some of you - particularly around drop off and pick up times when you have work commitments or other children to consider - but please bear with us, everything we have done is for your child's safety. For the most part parents have been very understanding. Our Risk Assessment for full school opening is on the school website for your information and this may help you understand the decisions we have taken with regard to current organisation and practice. If you wish to talk through any of the changes with me, then I will be happy to do so in order to help you further understand the reasoning behind our decisions.

Now that we have been in school a week, there are some little reminders that I would like to give you in order to help us in school.

- Please arrive at school for drop off and pick up **ON TIME**. Don't arrive too early or late as this may mean joining the queue of another class bubble and thereby compromising the integrity of that bubble.
- Please model social distancing with your child in and around school and when talking to other adults or staff, maintain a distance of 2m in order to keep them safe.
- Do remember to use Breakfast Club if you have problems with the new drop off time. The cost is £3.00 per day.
- Please do not bring items from home into school and no rucksacks please. Children only need their reading books and these can be easily carried without the need for a bag.
- Please send in a coat with your child. We are outdoors every day, even when the weather is cold or wet.
- If your child has not brought in their wellies yet, please arrange for this to happen as soon as possible so that we might use the whole grounds for playtimes. Don't forget to name them.
- Children in the Panda Classes do not need to bring in a fruit snack - our daily fruit delivery has resumed.

We are aware that there are likely to be many 'wobbles' in these first few weeks back after such a long time at home. We have systems in place to help children ease into the routine of school and lots of TLC if it is needed. It is highly likely that little playground upsets or pressure in the work we give your child might blow up into a big bed-time worry that your child may, or more likely may not, be able to unpick and explain to you. Most children are likely to feel anxious about the return to school and about the national situation that persists and will need reassurance from the adults around them. We are addressing individual worries as they arise in school but do let us know if you are concerned about your child and we will see how we can help them in our work in school.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL

In the next few weeks we will encounter colds, sore throats and tummy upsets that are an inevitable part of a return to the school environment after a period of time away. We are aware that this might cause some anxiety for parents, particularly as they read information in the media about what may or may not be the symptoms of coronavirus.

The advice from the NHS, Public Health England and the local Health Protection Team is quite clear about the three symptoms to be on the look out for:

"The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal" (NHS Website)*

And of course you know by now that if you or your child has one or more of these symptoms that you must:

- self isolate for 10 days if you have symptoms and those in your household must self isolate for 14 days
- the person who has symptoms must take a test via [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 111
- if your child has had symptoms when then they are feeling well again, with no fever and after the 10 days, or upon receipt of a negative test result, they can return to school
- if someone else in the household is symptomatic then your child can return to school after 14 days or as soon as a negative result is received for the symptomatic person

What about other common illnesses though?

	Is this a typical Coronavirus/ Covid-19 symptom?	Should my child be in school?	Stay at home period needed?
Sore Throat	No	Yes	None
Tonsillitis	No	Possibly	Until recovered
Tummy ache	No	Yes	None
Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting	No	No	48 hours symptoms have stopped
Ear ache	No	Yes	None
Sneezing	No	Yes	None
Rash	No	Possibly	Let us see your child to help you decide

If your child comes to school feeling under the weather, we will keep an eye on them and decide how well they are. You would be amazed at how children perk up when they are in school.

If we think they are in some discomfort that can be helped with painkillers, we will contact you and ask you if we may give them some paracetamol. If they are too ill for school, we will ask you to take them home until they feel better.

We are always here to help. If you are in doubt, then please ask and we will work with you to decide what is the best course of action for your child.

For more information about childhood illnesses and what schools have to have regard for, here is the NHS link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

SCHOOL DINNERS

We have a new school dinner provider who joined Kent during the period of school closure and they have a new system for paying for school meals. I understand that some of you have had problems with the new system but they are working hard behind the scenes to rectify the situation. For this and next week only we will be able to accept cash/cheque payments as we previously have done but after that all payments will have to be made online. Here's what you have to do:

Register via chandco.myschoolmealorders.com and complete the form.

You will receive a link via email which you activate by clicking on it.

Log in using your email address and password.

You then use the "Add child" button in the top right hand corner to add your child/ren.

You are now ready to start ordering.

For the moment we are continuing with sandwich bags for lunches but it is my intention once we get into the routine of the term to see how we can introduce hot meals once again. It will be a challenge in our school but I believe that we can always find a solution if we put our minds to it. I will keep you updated as and when we work out what we are going to do.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

sQuid is our easy and convenient on-line payment system which will allow you to purchase school uniform all year round, book Breakfast Club slots, pay for school trips, music lessons and swimming lessons, in short everything that we arrange! Just like your internet shopping at home, pop your items into the basket and check them out.

Just log into sQuid and create your account.

Add your email address and set a password.

You will be sent a link to activate your account and you will be asked for your unique registration number and CVV number to do this for each child (if you do not have this then please contact the school office for help).

BAG2SCHOOL

This year it is likely that fundraising events might be limited and our big fund-raisers the Christmas and Summer fairs may be cancelled due to concerns regarding restrictions. In light of this it is very, very important that we look to fundraising in other ways. Bag2School continues to operate and we have another collection scheduled for 6 October 2020. Bag2School usually raised about £100 which is great - every little helps.

Now is the time to look through your wardrobe and sort out any good condition clothes, shoes and bags that you no longer need or use and pop them into a black sack ready for collection on 6th October. We don't have space to keep bags here before that date so please don't bring them into school early.



HOW CONFIDENT ARE YOU THAT ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL UNIFORM IS LABELLED CLEARLY WITH THEIR NAME?

If you are wondering about this question, now is the time to go and grab a permanent pen or a pre-printed name tag to stick or glue on!

One white polo shirt looks pretty much like another one and when children take off clothes for PE they can end up in the oddest of places in a classroom. It's hard to match clothing to owner at times.

Please ensure that EVERYTHING is labelled clearly with a NAME. Sometimes parents choose a symbol or a coloured dot but this doesn't help your child's teachers match the garment to the owner.

We will be doing NAME checks this term to see if we can cut down on 'lost' property - don't be the person who has forgotten to label your child's belongings!

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

In previous years we have had an informal walk-in session for parents towards the end of September in order to meet the teacher to talk about how well your child has settled into school, about any worries or concerns you or we may have and any plans we have for their learning this year.

We are postponing this meeting until later in the term. Because the children will move to their new classes on 5 October, it makes more sense to hold this opportunity to meet with the teacher at the end of October once they have settled with new children and for some, new staff. It is likely that this will be a telephone or online conversation rather than a face to face meeting. Some parents may not want or need to meet with the teacher because of ongoing chats at the school gate or email conversations but for those who do, the dates that teachers will keep free for this is the week beginning Monday 19 October. Full details of how to book a contact slot will be sent nearer the time.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event	Time
Wb 14.9.20	Year R children start school	9.10am-12.00pm
15.9.20	Full Governing Board Meeting (online)	4.00pm-5.30pm
Wb 21.9.20	Year R children in school mornings only	9.10am - 1.00pm
Wb 28.9.20	Year R children in school mornings only	9.10am - 1.00pm
2.10.20	School Closed	
Wb 5.10.20	Children move into new classes Year R children in full time	8.30am - 2.45pm
6.10.20	Bag2School Collection	
14.10.20	NHS Flu Immunisations for pupils Years R-6	
15.10.20	Kent Test	
17.10.20	Dover Grammar Schools Test	
19.10.20	Online Safety Day Meet the Teacher Sessions	TBA
22.10.20	Individual School Photographs - school pupils only (sorry)	
23.10.20	End of Term 1	
2.11.20	Staff Development Day - First Aid Training for staff, school closed to children	
3.11.20	Beginning of Term 2	

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