

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020



## Welcome Back to School!

Welcome to Templemoor to our new families and welcome back to all our returning families. It has been truly heart-warming to see how everyone has adjusted to the current climate and has made a real commitment to making the new routines and procedures work as smoothly as possible.

I often say what a privilege it is to have your children in our care. The pandemic has further strengthened the fact that our Templemoor children are so unique and fabulous! Since returning to school, it is obvious how much we have all missed the vibrant buzz of our full, happy school community and it is great to have all our lovely children back with us once again. Classrooms have been filled with smiles, joy, happiness and fun. The children in Years 1 and 2 are working beautifully in their class bubbles and are playing outside in their year group zones. The children have been so resilient, enthusiastic and so full of energy!

The Templemoor team always work so hard to empower our children to have the right attitude to learning, the best motivation and determination to

learn. They are so committed to make the best start to this rather 'different' new academic year.

Finally, I would like to extend a special warm welcome to all our new families that have joined us for the first time. Reception and Nursery children have been incredible. The children were not able to visit prior to starting due to the pandemic but they coped brilliantly. We are thrilled with how well the children are settling in to the Early Years and are enjoying their new environment both outside and in. We hope that our new families already feel very much part of the Templemoor community and we look forward to working in partnership with you. I know that by working together, we will have the greatest experience and the happiest outcomes for our children.

We are really looking forward to an action-packed Autumn Term, full of enjoyable, exciting learning activities. Thank you for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Best wishes,

Mr Hodgson - Headteacher





### Keeping in Touch

In order to keep parents as informed and updated as possible, especially during these unpredictable times, we encourage you to regularly check our website, [templemoorinfants.co.uk](http://templemoorinfants.co.uk). We tweet, through our Twitter feed @TemplemoorINS. We also text and email and we produce this monthly newsletter which is uploaded to the website and is emailed to all parents.

### The Curriculum

Teachers continue to assess the children in phonics, reading, writing and mathematics so that the learning progression is tailored to meet the needs of every child. We are aware that some learning may have been missed during the lockdown period so teachers are prioritising teaching the pupils the key skills in phonics, reading, writing and maths to ensure a good understanding before moving forward to the next steps. We are also ensuring that pupils continue to

access all of the curriculum subjects together with a focus on wellbeing and being able to talk about anything that is worrying them.

### The Changing Weather

With the cold weather fast approaching please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day. It is beginning to get colder and it will be time to get out the hats, scarves and gloves again! Please also make sure that you label all items, including water bottles that belong to your child. Thank you!

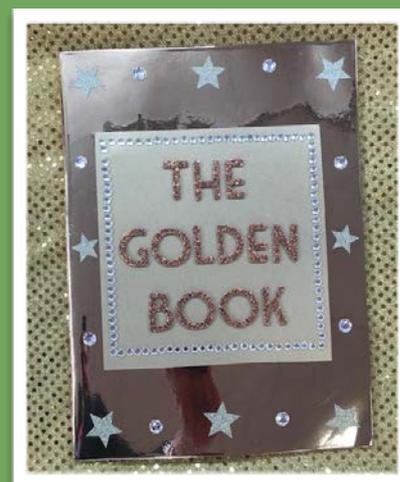
### Individual Photographs

On **Tuesday 13th October**, the school photographer will be in school taking individual photographs. The photographer and the children will be socially distanced and the equipment sanitised between each class bubble. Please note that unlike previous years, there will be no opportunity for sibling photos on this day.



### The Golden Book

Despite the fact that we are not permitted to hold whole school assemblies at the moment, it hasn't stopped us from celebrating the children in school who have demonstrated exceptional effort, achievement, resilience and kindness. Every Friday each Year 1 and 2 teacher choose two children in their class bubble to be in the Golden Book. Although we are not able to have hot chocolate and marshmallows, a special sparkling certificate is presented to the children whose names are put in the book! We are aiming to hold a virtual Golden Book assembly in school, so that our classes are reunited by the power of technology! Children in Reception will attend the Golden Book Assembly in the Spring Term.





### Flu Vaccination

All children in Reception and Year 1 and 2 are offered the flu vaccination as part of the NHS childhood vaccination programme. It's quick and painless and will mean your child is less likely to become ill if they come into contact with the flu virus. The vaccine, which is in the form of a nasal spray, will be administered to children whose parents have signed the online consent form, on **Friday 13th November 2020**. Further details to follow.

### School Fund

We are so grateful to the many parents who contribute to the School Fund by Standing Order. These funds are used for many purposes including, but not limited to, consumables for classrooms such as books, small games equipment, supplies for cooking etc. Our school budget is currently very tight, so your contribution to School Fund really does make a huge difference to the resources we can provide. If you would like to donate to school in this way please email the school office. Thank you.



### October Holiday Club

Usually we are able to run an October Holiday Club. However, after giving this a lot of thought, the biggest challenge to being able to provide this is keeping all the children who attend safe within separate bubbles and staffing this provision. In addition, we have arranged for the school to be deep cleaned in preparation for the next half term. Therefore our current risk assessment indicates that we will not be able to offer holiday club provision during October half term. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

### School Lunches and Competition Time!

Having spent the past three weeks fine-tuning our lunchtime provision, we are delighted to launch our delicious Autumn menu. To celebrate the launch, we are asking children to share a healthy meal with us so that we can include it on the next menu and name the meal after your child! To enter, draw a picture of a favourite meal and include your name and the name of the dish along with a short description. Hand this into the drop box outside the school office by the 9th October for a chance to win! Good luck!



### Staff Training

Please note that school will be closed on **Monday 2nd November 2020** for staff training. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. A full list of term dates and holidays are published on our website.

### Governor Information

Templemoor is so lucky to have a team of committed Governors who work with the Headteacher on the strategic development of the school. The Governing Body are a group of individuals, who are elected, nominated or co-opted and are representatives of parents, staff, the Local Authority and the local community. Our governing body are:

Name of Governor	Type of Governor
Mrs Judith Davenport Chair of Governors	Co-opted Governor
Dr Nigel Jones Vice Chair	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Maureen Haddock	Co-opted Governor
Prof. Ben Ambridge	Parent Governor
Mrs Alison Tariq	Parent Governor
Mrs Jennifer Moore	Parent Governor
Mr Stuart Hodgson	Headteacher
Mrs Shirley Brown	Staff Governor
Mrs Siobhain Easter	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Liz Patel	Local Authority Governor

### Remote Learning

We know that parents appreciate knowing about any changes as soon as possible. Whilst this isn't always possible, (often due to the late timings of Government guidance and announcements), we will continue to try our very best in ensuring that timely communication remains a priority. We therefore wanted to make you aware that at any point, we may need to close a bubble full time should we have the unfortunate situation where we have a COVID case outbreak. Many schools across the borough have already had to implement this and it is often immediate so we feel it is important for parents to understand this and be prepared should this be the case.

We are pleased to say that to date we have had no cases within school of either children or staff and are confident that our preventative measures, risk assessments and increased measures are successfully minimising risks. However, if we do get a positive case then we will follow the procedures as set out by the Government, DFE and Public Health and will of course notify parents immediately via text and email. In the early part of next week, please can all parents look out for information that will be sent to explain what to do if your child is asked to self-isolate and how remote learning will work.

### Social Distancing

Please could we remind parents/carers to socially distance when entering the school grounds, particularly when waiting for their child outside the classrooms. We are also aware that many pupils are 'mixing' in groups at the park and outside of school. Please be mindful of the local lockdown restrictions that are in place, which are when meeting friends and family you do not live with, you must not meet in a group of more than 6. We realise this is out of our jurisdiction to enforce but your full cooperation in complying with procedures will enable us to help keep our school community as safe as possible.

Could we also remind parents/carers when dropping off or collecting your children that you do not stop to try and speak to the teacher. Unfortunately, as we have to keep the one way system moving, there simply isn't time for them to discuss anything individually. Any issues/concerns that you may have please either email or call the



office. We keep our procedures under constant review and will refine should we need to. Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times.

### P.E. Kits

Please note that after half term children must come to school in their P.E. kits on their allocated P.E. day. Children should wear tracksuit/leggings/joggers with a t-shirt, jumper and trainers.

### Meet the Teacher

We will not be scheduling 'Meet the Teacher' face to face meetings at present. However, our teachers have worked hard to produce a 'Meet the Teacher' presentation which can be found on our school website under 'Parents', 'Meet the Teacher'.

### Covid Updates

We continue to update our Covid-19 page on our school website. This can be found under 'Our School', 'Covid-19'. We have recently posted an NHS parent letter which contains useful information and links for further advice. It is crucial that if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 they stay at home and isolate until a test result has been received. The test should be taken as soon as possible and within 5 days of the onset of symptoms. If the test result is negative, they can return to school as soon as they are well enough. If the test result is positive, they must isolate and it is crucial school is informed immediately. Unfortunately, we cannot allow children who have had symptoms to return to school without isolating without a negative test result as we have a duty of care to keep all children safe. Children who are isolating due to awaiting test results will be noted as an X code on the registers so it will not affect their attendance record.

### Punctuality and Attendance

We continue to carefully monitor attendance at school and work closely with our Education Welfare Officer. In line with the Department for



Education guidance on absence, requests for holidays in term time **will not** be granted. The guidance makes it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your child is absent from school please let the office know before 9am. Can we please ask that you confirm the reason for the absence i.e. flu, upset stomach etc. For further information, our Attendance and Punctuality Policy can be found on our website.

### Parking on Temple Road

We are keen to build good relationships within our school community, so we are disappointed that we continue to receive complaints from residents on Temple Road with regard to inconsiderate parking. Please do not block pathways or residents driveways when dropping off or collecting your children. Ideally if possible, please do walk to school with your child or cycle.

### Safeguarding

It is the duty of all of us to make sure our children are safe, protected from harm and happy both in and out of school. If we notice any concerns in school, we have a duty to report these to Trafford Children First Response. If you notice anything at all that concerns you, please do not hesitate to speak to us. Our designated lead for safeguarding is Mr Hodgson, our deputy designated leads are Mrs Brown and Mrs Cundick and our safeguarding governor is Mrs Davenport. Alternatively, you can

contact Trafford Children First Response Team directly. Please see the safeguarding section on our school website for further information and contact numbers.

### Nut Allergies

Some of our pupils do have nut allergies and therefore we are a nut free school. We kindly request that Nursery children's lunchboxes do not contain items which have nuts. This includes but is not limited to (Nutella) sandwiches, granola bars, treats or other food that contain nuts. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Some gentle reminders for everyone's safety:

- No-one from your household must come to school if anyone has any symptoms of Covid-19.
- If you or your family are required to self-isolate then you must follow the government guidance very closely. **Self-isolation means staying at home and not going outside your home at any time.**
- You must follow the signs and markings which give directions. Members of the Senior Leadership Team are on hand to assist you.
- Only 1 adult per family must accompany your child(ren) onto the school grounds.
- If siblings need to accompany you, they **must** stay with you at all times.
- Adults must try to adhere to 2m social distancing guidelines with other people at all times.
- Parent/carers are not able to go into school until further notice, unless this has been authorised by the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher.
- At the moment dogs are not permitted to be brought to school or tied to the railings due to our one way system.

- Smoking or vaping is not allowed in any area of the school grounds.
- We encourage children to ride bikes and scooters to school. When children arrive at the school gates they must dismount and walk their bike or scooter along through the pedestrian gate to the cycle racks. Children are not allowed to scoot or ride around the playground at the beginning or end of the day.
- Children are not allowed to use the large climbing frame, or the tree house in Reception at the beginning or end of the day.

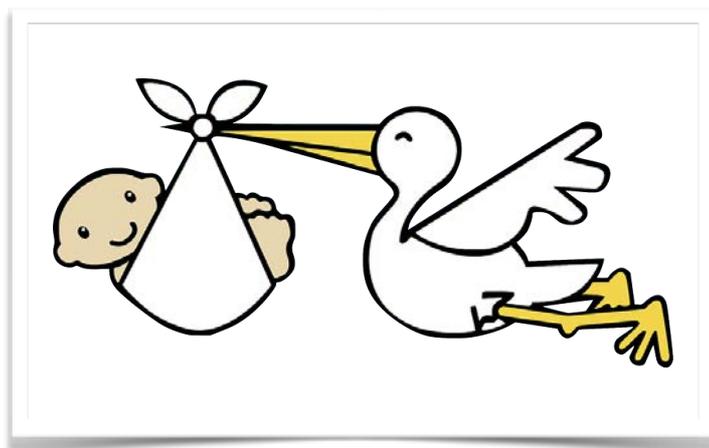
Thank you for helping to make our school a safe environment for everyone.

### And finally...

Although some of you will already be aware, we are delighted to announce that Miss McCartney gave birth to a beautiful baby girl at the end of the Summer Holiday. She has been named Pippa. Mum and baby are doing really well! Congratulations to Miss McCartney, Mr Bowers and family! What lovely news to start the new term!

As always, please do let us know if you have any questions as we go through this ever-changing time. Keep positive and take good care of each other.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



## Dates for the Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 8th October 2020	Friends of Templemoor AGM at 8pm (via Zoom, and not in school as previously advertised)
Tuesday 13th October 2020	Individual Photographs
Thursday 15th October 2020	School Nurse to teach Reception Handwashing
Friday 23rd October 2020	School breaks up at 3:15pm for the half term holiday
Tuesday 3rd November 2020	Back to school!
Friday 13th November 2020	Nasal Flu Vaccination for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children
Friday 18th December 2020	School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas holiday

### Autumn Term 2020

<b>Opens</b>	Thursday 3rd September 2020
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 23rd October 2020
<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 3rd November 2020
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 18th December 2020

### Spring Term 2021

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 4th January 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 12th February 2021
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 22nd February 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 1st April 2021

### Summer Term 2021

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 19th April 2021
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 3rd May 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 28th May 2021
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 14th June 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 23rd July 2021

### Staff Training Days (School will be closed to children)

Tuesday 1st September 2020
Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020
Monday 21st December 2020
Friday 11th June 2021
Monday 26th July 2021