

Steam Mills Primary

8.1.21

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2021! We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year, however we recognize and we are disappointed that the year has started with more disruption for you all. We are working hard to support you and your children and would like to remind you that we are here to help. Please do make contact with us if needed, your query will then be forwarded to the appropriate person.

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Reminder for those children attending school

Please continue to practice social distancing whilst at school, wear a face covering, remain very vigilant for symptoms and do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- **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.

Internet Access

You may have already seen this information. If you are struggling with internet access, it is possible to access the internet and on-line learning platforms via an Xbox or Playstation. We will try to find some guidance and issue that next week.

OMEGLE.COM

Just to make all parents aware of a website that is advertised via TikTok for a chat room type platform – OMEGLE.COM, it has been found to be unsafe for children to use as there are no safety restrictions/checks.

Coolmik

There is no Coolmilk provision this term at school. If you have paid in advance for school milk, Coolmilk will be contacting you directly, informing you about refunds.

Gate

Just to remind you that there is now a new green release button, opposite the gate, to enable you to exit the playground without having to ring the office. This new addition is very timely, as the office will not be staffed full-time at present.

Fruit

The Government free school fruit scheme has been suspended; we are hopeful that this will be reinstated soon, but in the meantime, we will be providing a snack for all children attending school from the school budget.

Diary Dates

January

28th Rec & Y6 Screening – this will be postponed

February

12th End of Term 3

22nd Start of Term 4

April

1st End of Term 4

19th Start of Term 5

Letter

Please check your eSchools/emails for a letter which was sent earlier this week regarding remote learning and children attending school. This letter is also available on our website.

Thank you and best wishes,
Mrs Davis