



Sandy Hill Academy

Head of School: Mrs B Rundle

6th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're already 5 weeks into the Autumn Term - it's been lovely seeing the children back at school and settling into new routines (new for all of us!). We are very aware that we haven't been able to hold our usual class welcome meetings or curriculum evenings which are also a great opportunity to meet and talk with parents. Certainly, we have all enjoyed seeing many parents and carers at the gates in the morning and at the end of each day.

Parent Meeting Phone Call Appointments

All teachers are looking forward to having the opportunity to speak with you about you're your child and how they've settled into class routines as well as plans for the term ahead. Please book an appointment time for your phone call on Arbor. We all enjoy face to face contact, but clearly at this time that is not possible, however, we are always keen to talk with you and welcome you to phone or email should you have any queries or information you feel you need to share at anytime with regards to your child. Email: hello@sandyhill.org.uk or phone the school office and someone will get back to you.

Our 'parent meetings' will take the form of a phone call this term. We very much look forward to our phone conversations with you on the week beginning Monday 19th October. In the meantime, please do refer to our website where you can find further staffing information and see our photo gallery at the end of this email that may help put a few more faces to names.

Blended Learning Offer

We would like to share with you our current intentions should your child need to be learning at home due to awaiting a test, socially isolating or participating in a pod lockdown. Hopefully such an event will not occur, but we are preparing for such eventualities.

Our staff are currently sharing Maths and Literacy tasks on Google Classroom (Y3-Y6) and Tapestry (N-Y2) each day so if your child cannot be in school you will know what is being covered in the classroom and be able to support them at home to keep in step with the learning.

If the whole class is subject to a closure (possibly fourteen days) the staff will be asked to continue setting the daily English and Maths for their class. They will also share on Google Classroom or Tapestry other activities relevant to the topic. They will signpost key specific online resources such as White Rose Maths, BBC Bitesize and Oak Academy to support the learning. Pupils are learning in school how to use the e-learning platforms effectively and how to respond online e.g. KS2 pupils are gaining familiarity with Google Classroom. Most EYFS and KS1 parents are now familiar with Tapestry, should you need any further information, please refer to the 'How to' guides attached or if needed please email: hello@sandyhil.org.uk or phone the school office.

Staff will timetable a phone call to each family, each week to support the learning in the case of a whole 'bubble' closure. This will be communicated to you through Arbor message. Google Classroom and Tapestry will also be used to feedback on work, when submitted. Pupils can ask questions using the google classroom platform. For further details and information on home learning, please head over to our website.

Please note in accordance with Aspire policy there will not be any streaming of live lessons, in line with safeguarding protocols.

Groups of 6 and Social Distancing:

The Government advises that risk to children is very low and acknowledges that it is not possible to maintain social distancing in school. Instead, the government recommends that students stay within their bubbles and take alternative measures to minimise risk. We would like to thank all parents for your support in managing this and to continue to support with this at arrival and departure times, waiting close to the school side of pavement (or on the grass if safe and happy to do so) so the pavement outside of school can safely allow people to pass and ensuring we all maintain social distancing.

Coats and wet weather:

Please ensure your child has an appropriate warm, waterproof coat with their name in every day at school. We all know how the Cornish 'sunshine' can change throughout the day. In line with government guidance, we are maximising the use of outdoor spaces wherever possible to minimise the risk of transmission and to minimise the mixing of bubbles.

A few more Staff 'Hellos':



Hi. My name is Mrs. Williams. I have worked in the office at Sandy Hill for over 15 years. My job involves dealing with the finance, payroll, staffing and data. Outside of school I enjoy playing football and coaching.



Hello. I'm Mrs. Kendall and I work as an administrator in the school office. I've worked at Sandy Hill Academy since January 2018. I really enjoy my role here, whether I'm helping our pupils' families, assisting teaching staff, preparing letters and newsletters or updating the website, every day is different. Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family, walking and photography.

We very much hope that you find the above information beneficial and look forward to being able speak with you all. The schedule for booking your parent meeting phone call appointment will be available on Arbor from 9am tomorrow. Please sign in to your Arbor account, where you will be able to access the 'Guardian Consultations' from the student profile page.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. B Rundle
Head of School