



# Millfield Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I should like to say a huge THANK YOU to everybody as we reach the end of our first week back to school after/during such unprecedented times. Despite everything we have been told in the media about what to expect, your children have settled into school amazingly and you should feel very proud of them- I know we all do. They are happy to be back, they are calm, behaving appropriately and are adjusting well to the new arrangements. Every member of staff is pleased to be back and to see the children and they are like super flexible elastic bands, as we have made slight tweaks and adjustments each and every day this week so that everything runs as smoothly as possible under the new and ever changing guidelines from the DfE and the Trust; I can't thank them enough. Finally I should like to thank you for being so reasonable and understanding about arrangements at the start of this year, such as which gate to drop off and collect from etc etc.

So I have just a few things to clarify or update you on.

## **Drop off and pick up**

This has got better as the week has progressed. Please think about these things to make it even better:

- KS1 drop off- if you come onto the playground then please leave by the Prior Gate so we maintain a one way system
- KS1 pick up- please don't get to the playground too early. If you only have a KS1 child to pick up then you don't really need to get to the playground until 3:10pm at the earliest- if you're too early then there is the risk of crowding at the main gate before it is open
- KS1 pick up- once you are on the playground please make your way over to the area where your child's class is dismissed- please don't crowd the class and the teacher
- KS1 and a KS2 child to collect and you want to go onto the playground- you don't need to get to the playground until 3:10pm as we won't let your KS2 child leave the site as long as they know for sure that they are waiting for you; the class teacher will also wait with them so if you want to see the teacher you can do so.
- Prior Gate- is only for the older children to enter in the morning and for all to leave at the end of the day. No parents are to come onto the site through this gate; it's just too narrow and gets too congested
- If you want to come onto the playground- then use the main playground gate.

These requests are all to aid social distancing and relieve congestion, so if you can follow these then it will be easier and safer for everybody.

## **Curriculum Newsletter**

This will come out in the next week or so with information about what your child will be learning this half term.

## **PE Kit**

Send this in with your child, named, from Monday so that it is in school should they need it. The newsletter will confirm PE days.

**Reading Books**

Some parents have asked if their child can bring a reading book in to school from home- the answer is that yes they can. It is also OK for reading books from school to go home.

**Home Learning**

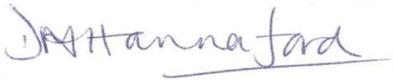
This will be set next Friday September 18th. We will make use of the Google Classroom as well as setting practical projects.

**Getting a Covid Test**

We can only give parents a testing kit if their child has shown symptoms at school **and** they have no means of transport to get a test. We understand that it isn't always easy to get a test locally. However the East Cambridgeshire District Council Facebook page regularly updates with pop up testing sites so please check this as well as phoning 119.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children next week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mrs D. M. Hannaford". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Mrs D. M. Hannaford

Principal