



**Tavistock Primary &
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New Parent

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New Pupil (Year R, 2)

Headteacher's Parent Email 28.09.2020

Monday 28th September 2020

Good Morning!

UNWELL CHILDREN

IF your child/someone in the household has Covid-19 symptoms of high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell –your child and all of your household must stay home and arrange for a test to be done. The whole household must self isolate until you have the result of the test.

SELF ISOLATION - Stay at home

You and everyone else in your household needs to remain at home. Do not go to work, school, or public areas, and do not use public transport or taxis.

Nobody should go out even to buy food or other essentials, and any exercise should be taken within your home.

Please let us know if your household is doing this so we can monitor our school community. We have not been notified of any positive Covid-19 tests at this school.

TEMPERATURE IN SCHOOL

As it turned cooler at the end of last week, it was noticeable that the temperature in some areas of the school was lower than usual. This is because it is the current health advice and part of our risk assessment that we need to keep classrooms well ventilated. In order to achieve this, we have all the classroom and corridor windows and internal doors open. As we get further in to winter, we will have to review this but at the moment please ensure that children are wearing sufficient clothing, children should not be sent to school without a jumper, cardigan or fleece (layers are most useful).

ENTRY TIMES

We have made a number of group changes in these first weeks in order to support individual families and most children now have a stable arrival time.

Key Stage 2 children need to arrive PROMPTLY for their group time; if they are late they will need to wait for the next group. This is because all groups are supervised by an adult through the school corridors and in their initial handwashing.

THANK YOU to the vast majority of parents who are coming singly to drop off/collect children, not staying on the playground and keeping their children with them and off the play equipment.

COLORFOTO

You can use the card that came home to register with Colofoto to view proofs online and order photographs direct from the company. If you register online, you will receive an email informing you when the photos are ready to view. We will also receive proof copies and these will also be sent home with ordering details when we have received them.

PEN LICENCES

Pen Licences are earned throughout Years 3-6 when handwriting is appropriately sized, joins between all letters are correct and the presentation is neat. In this first half of term I advise individual children and their teachers about what they need to do to achieve this by monitoring their writing every 1/2 weeks. If parents wish to support at home, please ask your child's teacher for copies of our cursive script.

INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED 14.10.2020

This school will be closed for staff training on Wednesday 14th October.

TAVISTOCK COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Tavistock College is offering Y6 children and a parent the opportunity to visit on 14.10.2020. You must book via 01822 614231 Ext.214

There will also be a new virtual prospectus and tour on their website from this Thursday (1.10.2020)

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

These were our first 'remote' parents' evenings and I am very interested to have your feedback (either verbally or by email). I will be asking teachers this week about their experience and will share this with you later this term.

This is a very easy way to give donations to 'Tavistock Community Primary HSA' as you shop online with over 4,000 shops and sites including Amazon, eBay, Apple, Argos, John Lewis, Boots, Sky, Just Eat, Direct Line, Wickes ...

It doesn't cost you anything and you will still be buying from the companies you choose. Just order via the website or download the mobile App to ensure your donations are made every time.

ONLINE FORMS

Annual off site and photograph permissions have been sent out and need to be completed. General flu vaccinations are due to given on Wednesday 21st October. An email was sent in June but if you missed this permission can be given via this link; <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

Vaccinations are never given without parental consent.

SWIMMING LESSONS

We were pleased to hear this week that Meadowlands Pool will be opening in the near future and we are in contact with them about facilities for school swimming. We are hoping to initially offer lessons to children in Y5 who cannot swim 25m unaided because they missed their Summer Term provision and will update you as soon as we have more information.

TAPESTRY

Please ensure that you have activated your account and contact the school office if you have any problems with this. This will be essential if your child's class/year group need to isolate.

Year 6 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Well done!

Following their presentations the following children have been selected for this year:

Red - Katie and Tiana

Green - Enya and Sylvie

Yellow - Amelia and Felix

Blue - Henry and Lewis

Best wishes,

Lynnette Selbie

