

Friday 11th September 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back

Welcome back to school!

It has been wonderful this week to open our doors to the whole school community, following lockdown. A very warm welcome to our new Year R children, along with our new children who have joined us in other year groups. Our Connor Downs family has been reunited and it is fantastic to be together again.

The children have returned to school looking very smart in their school uniforms, along with their black, school shoes. Thank you for your support in providing this.

Thank you for your co-operation and support with our COVID-19 opening plans. The staggered drop offs and pick-ups are working well before and after school. Thank you to everyone for adhering to your allocated times and for following the yellow, social distancing markers on the school grounds.

The children are adapting to the changes to routine in school well and are settling back into school life. Thank you for your support with this and for your many positive comments.

Some common questions which have arisen are over hand washing and face masks.

Hand washing

To clarify our position on hand washing, we have a daily routine of hand washing for all children. This includes washing hands on arrival to school, before and after morning break, before and after lunch and after coughing and sneezing. Children are using tissues for coughs and sneezes and are following the 'Catch it, bin, kill it' phrase to remind them of the need to use tissues to catch germs. Children are using water and hand soap to wash their hands and are supervised washing hands for at least twenty seconds. Hand sanitiser is not being used as handwashing, along with killing germs, also physically removes much dirt and debris from the skins surface.

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Face masks

Face masks are not required in school for primary aged children or staff. If a child or member of staff became symptomatic with COVID-19 symptoms, then full Personal Protective Equipment is available in school for use. The parents/carers of the child would be contacted immediately and the school community would be informed.

PE lessons KS2

Thank you for your co-operation in sending your children to school dressed in their PE kit, for their allocated PE day. This system is working well.

There is one amendment however to the timetable to note please from next week:

| Day | Year group |
|-----------|------------|
| Tuesday | 4 |
| Wednesday | 3 |

Thank you.

Home learning completed during lockdown

Thank you for supporting your child/ren during lockdown, to complete their home learning. We would like to celebrate the work which your child/ren have completed so would kindly ask that you send this work in, contained in a folder, clearly labelled with their name and lockdown year group, to school next Friday 18th September. It will then be quarantined over the weekend, to enable staff to celebrate it the following week. Many thanks.

FaceBook

If you have any questions/queries relating to a social media post on FaceBook, please could this be sent to the hello@connordowns.org.uk so that they can be responded to promptly. Please note that as a school, we cannot respond, or enter into a discussion via FaceBook.

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YEAR R



| <u>Attendance</u> | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Our school target for attendance is 96% | | |
| 1 st Place | Year 5 | 100.0% |
| 2 nd Place | Year 4 | 99.7% |
| 3 rd Place | Year 1 | 97.0% |

Kind Regards,

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