



Shortlanesend School

Newsletter



25th September 2020

Autumn Term

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you all continue to remain safe and well.

School Update

Our third full week of school has seen a few changes in the world around us. Changes in the weather heralding the shift in season and changes announced by the government earlier in the week as they seek to tackle the Coronavirus in our communities.

Both of these, combined with other personal factors, may affect our thoughts and emotions as we enter another period of potential restrictions, at a time when the sunshine largely disappears and the daylight fades. It is perfectly normal for adults and children to feel a whole range of emotions at this challenging time. Below are some links to a full range of support services that are in Cornwall and may be of use to some of you.

<https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/>

<https://cornwall-link.co.uk/>

<https://www.volunteercornwall.org.uk/>

What doesn't change is our commitment to remain consistent, positive and supportive for all our children, who continue to arrive happy in the mornings and thrive during the day. Thank you for your support and understanding and positive thank you messages about our current procedures and efforts to make our children feel comfortable and safe at school.

Communication lines are unfortunately restricted currently, however, all our staff are available for phone conversation or arranged meetings should you wish to discuss any matters relating to your child's education. Also, Mrs Dyer is still active in her Parent Support Advisor role and again is available to chat with if you require.

Weekly Planning

This week our teachers uploaded the weekly lesson planning and a few resources to their class pages on our school website. This will continue and will enable all children to have access to the learning activities should they be absent from school – whether this is for a day or two with a bug or bad cold, or for a longer period of time, should they or their household need to isolate.

Also, we will be looking at increased use of technology through Google Classroom to enable parents to be more aware and children to be further involved in the learning activities our teachers plan.

Health and Safety

Thank you to those parents who have shown more awareness to the situation in the carpark this week. There are still a few children who run ahead of their parent and on a couple of occasions out the gate. Please walk with your child when exiting the school.

Also, **do not** allow your child(ren) to climb the grass bank and wall in the car park. This presents a risk of injury to the child, especially now the weather is wet, and the danger of damage to the cars.

Finally, please be careful when walking on the slopes and through the playground during this time of the year as the leaves and rain can make these areas slippery.

Thank you.

Fair Share

The Fair Share food donations are currently kindly being collected and delivered by Mrs Ashton every Thursday at 11am at The Old Plough. Please queue responsibly and take what you need. There is usually a good range of vegetables, fruit and bakery items.

Sports Hoodies

Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in ordering a school hoodie. Mrs Holroyd is continuing negotiating with our uniform supplier and we hope to release more details soon.

School Day

Please note the drop off and collection times for different classes – thank you.

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Where?</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>	<u>Where?</u>
5 – Mr Easter	8:30-8:40	Corridor – Door nearest classroom	3:00	Corridor – Door nearest classroom
4 – Miss Eddison	8:30-8:40	Classroom - Side door	3:00	Classroom - Side door
3 – Mrs Ashley/Mrs Lewis	8:45-8:55	Class Door	3:15	Class Door
2 – Miss Adler	8:45-8:55	Class Door	3:15	Class Door

1 – Mrs Lewis/Mrs Stanhope	9:00	Through outside area	3:10	Through outside area
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NHS Advice

The NHS reports that the three main symptoms of Corona Virus to be watchful for are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus, get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Head Lice

We have had reports of head lice in a child's hair this week. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if required. Thank you.

Dates

Autumn Term:

The last day of half term is scheduled for Friday 23rd October. We will return on Tuesday 3rd November and finish for Christmas on Thursday 17th December.

Spring Term:

We start the Spring term on Tuesday 5th January. We break up for half term on Thursday 11th February and return on Monday 22nd February. The term is scheduled to finish on Thursday 1st April.

Summer Term:

The Summer term is planned to start on Monday 19th April. There is a bank holiday on Monday 3rd May and we break for half term on Friday 28th May. We return to school on Tuesday 8th June. The final day of the term and the year will be Friday 23rd July.

Have a restful weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

