



Shortlanesend School

Newsletter



26th June 2020

Summer Term

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you all continue to remain safe and well.

School Update

Despite the announcement this week from Boris Johnson about reducing the distance between people from 2 metres to 1 metre, schools were informed later in the week by the government that pods (groups of children) had to remain at a maximum 15.

Also, we were told that staff who are shielding will still not be able to return to school. Therefore, sadly we must once again inform you that we are unable to welcome back children outside of Key Worker Provision and some of our EYFS/Year 1 children who are returning next week on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday.

We fully appreciate the frustrating nature of the situation and wish you to be assured that if we were able, we would love to have all our children here in school, however current guidelines prohibit for us to do this.

We would like to remind Key Worker parents that it is recommended for children to only be at school when parents are at work, and there is no other responsible person available to look after the child.

Thank you to those Key Workers who have found alternative arrangements and informed the school they no longer require a place – this has been greatly appreciated by other families. We still have a waiting list for places, so if you do no longer require a place, let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

New Teachers

Miss Adler and Miss Eddison have recorded introduction videos for families to watch via the class pages on our school website. Next week they will begin phoning families to chat with children and parents to begin building relationships.

Home Learning

Weeks 13 and 14 will be uploaded onto the school website from Monday. Please continue to support your children any way you can with their home learning. The school website also contains links to the Summer Reading Challenge – organised by local libraries.

School Uniform

If you have any school uniform that your child has outgrown and wish to donate it to the school for other families to make use of, please drop off any items into the school foyer over the next two weeks. From week beginning 13th July parents will be able to come and collect any items they may need ready for the new school year. Thank you to Mrs Boyns for this suggestion.

Thank You

Staff at our school wish to pass on their grateful thanks to parents for the supportive comments received during phone calls and other interactions. Your understanding of the situation and acceptance of factors which are out of our control is greatly valued. Also, the kindness shown in enquiring about our own welfare is very much appreciated.

Well-being

Please find below a list of support and advice services. Stay safe – Take care.

Family Lives

Advice on all aspects of parenting.

Phone: 0808 800 2222 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 9pm and Saturday to Sunday, 10am to 3pm)

Website: www.familylives.org.uk

Relate

The UK's largest provider of relationship support.

Website: www.relate.org.uk

Young Minds

Information on child and adolescent mental health. Services for parents and professionals.

Phone: Parents' helpline 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4pm)

Website: www.youngminds.org.uk

Samaritans

Confidential support for people experiencing feelings of distress or despair.

Phone: 116 123 (free 24-hour helpline)

Website: www.samaritans.org.uk

