

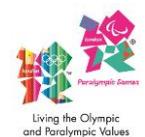


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CHADDESLEY CORBETT ENDOWED PRIMARY & PRE-SCHOOL

28th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about some upcoming events that are taking place and how we have ensured that we are making everything as safe as possible for children and staff.

We have returned to school now for four weeks and everything is going as smoothly as we could have hoped. The children seem happy and settled, glad to be back with their friends again and enjoying the lovely environment we are fortunate to enjoy here.

As you know, we are prioritising wellbeing and mental health above everything in order to ensure that children are able to really make some excellent progress when we feel they are ready to return to the demands of meeting age related expectations. We are seeing excellent improvement with this approach and are allowing children to feel confident that they are catching up having missed perhaps several months of formal schooling. Above all you can be reassured that our approach is tailored to individuals so each child can be challenged at the right level to nurture and support their development.

In school our cleaning regime has remained thorough and movement around school has been minimised. Following the government's advice about the rule of six, we have applied more stringent procedures regarding maximum occupancy of some shared areas to ensure that staff are social distancing at all times when they are outside their bubble. We are in short doing everything we can to keep your children safe. I know you will continue to help us by practising social distancing when on school grounds.

We are ready to deal with any eventuality such as bubbles having to stay off school or a local lockdown and can assure you of our best service at all times.

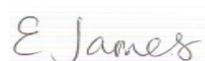
As a staff we have discussed the safety of having a face to face parents' evening. Overall we felt that face to face meetings were the best way to discuss a child's progress. With that in mind, we have decided to go ahead but it will look very different to normal. Teachers will be wearing full face visors and seated two meters away from parents/Carers. Parents/ Carers will not have a desk in front of them and will be required to wear a face mask. The door will be open to allow adequate ventilation. Each meeting will be time allocated but there is no room for a meeting to run on or start late. This is because we cannot allow for queuing outside the classroom door. I hope these measures will reassure parents, however if you would prefer we could make a telephone appointment upon request.

We will also be holding our open morning and this too will be somewhat different. We are asking visitors to come without children if possible and wear face masks. Staff will be wearing full face visors and viewing is strictly by appointment only. Having said that we do want families to come and look so please encourage any friends or family who are considering schools for their children.

Finally, I would like to personally invite you to a parents' forum meeting on Zoom. I am hoping to meet with parents new to the school on Wednesday (30th) and other parents next Wednesday (6th). The agenda will be fairly open and give you the opportunity to tell us how you're feeling and if there's any suggestions we might benefit from. Please let the office know so that you can be sent a link.

In the meantime, I want to wish every family the very best.

Kind regards,



Mrs James
Headteacher