

Thursday 7th October, 2021

Dear Parents,

Reception/Year 6 Buddies

From Monday 11th October we will be introducing a buddy system where Year 6 pupils support Reception children at the start of the day and at lunchtime. **We would like Year 6 pupils to arrive at 8:40am** (the rest of the school will still open at 8:45 for other pupils) and Mr Brumby will open the gate especially for them. They will then drop off their belongings and go to the Reception classroom ready to help greet the Reception children. They will help them settle and read books together as an early morning activity, before returning to their classroom. At lunchtime the two year groups will eat together and again the Year 6 pupils will support the younger children and lead some play activities. We believe this will further build our strong school community and relationships between all ages within our school.

Updated Covid-19 Measures

Based on high rates of Covid-19 and a rapid rate of increase in cases in Peterborough, we are going to follow Local Authority advice **to put the following measures in place up from tomorrow (Friday 8th October) until the 21st October.**

- All visitors to schools **must wear face coverings** inside our school buildings.
- All **non-essential events where parents visit schools will be held virtually**. Both October parent meeting dates will now be via Zoom and available to book on School Cloud soon.
- We will **reintroduce face coverings for staff in indoor communal spaces** but not in classrooms.

Please continue to isolate your child and book a PCR (not Lateral Flow) test as soon as possible if they show any of the three identified Covid symptoms (high temperature, loss of taste and/or smell, persistent cough). Pupils can continue to return to school if someone in their family/close contacts tests positive but they do not display symptoms. Teaching will continue face to face as normal and remote learning will be provided for isolating pupils.

Please be reassured that we have only had three positive cases in school since the start of term, and only one in the last week. These measures are precautionary based on local rates. Our updated Infectious Disease Risk Assessment is available on our school website.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Mrs Hindmarsh

Headteacher