

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We've had a great week at school, with the sun shining and children continuing to impress their teachers with some great work!

### **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Social distancing via the staggering seems to have settled down and be working pretty well. Thanks for your efforts with these. Please just be vigilant about children either picking up playground equipment or playing on apparatus. Also, apart from with their own siblings of course, they shouldn't be getting close to children in other year-groups. If we get a positive test result here at Clinton (as Kenilworth School have had in the last 24 hours), we're very keen that we only have to close one bubble but if children have shared equipment / touched trails, played with those in other year-groups etc. it's harder to do so.

### **HOMEWORK; READING; 4 times a week**

Part of giving children (and parents!) a 'soft landing' into school routines is to build up good learning habits at school.

Challenge 1: Routines in places so that children are reading a minimum of 4 times a week by the end of next week.

Our aim is for all children to be reading at home 4 times a week as a minimum (obviously the more they do the better they will be at reading and the more they unlock a broader understanding of language useful for ALL subjects). Children from YR to Y4 should read to parents, whilst those older than that might prefer to read independently.

We can't afford to treat reading as something some children enjoy and do lots of and others don't do much of. Certainly not at primary level. It's too important to be optional.

### **INFORMATION FROM CLASS TEACHERS**

Parents of Y1 and Y2 children should have received emails from their teachers yesterday; YR's parents' evening seemed to be a success, whilst Y3 information is next to be ready; other teachers will be in touch soon!

### **NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION**

NHS staff will be visiting school in November to administer nasal flu immunisations to all year groups. You'll be sent full information and consent forms nearer the time; we're flagging up now so you know you don't have to make other arrangements for your child to be immunised.

### **MEETING CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL**

If you normally meet your child after school and need to make other arrangements occasionally, it's important that you let the school office know so we can advise the class teacher who will be collecting. If you can let us know earlier in the day rather than later, that's helpful – the phones can be very busy towards pick-up time!

If your child goes home with a childminder after school some days, you are welcome to let us know the name of the childminder and which days they'll be picking up.

### **NUT ALLERGIES**

Please look out for a separate email today about how we can all help keep children and staff safe.

### **GUITAR LESSONS**

If you requested guitar lessons for your child this term, you should have had an email yesterday telling you that guitar lessons will start tomorrow. If you haven't had this message, please let us know – your child should bring their guitar to school tomorrow morning but it's really important we pass on the safety information, including where to take the guitar on arrival.

### **SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL DRIVE**

It's easy to forget that the school drive is actually a road! Cars move in and out, as do food and other delivery vehicles. It's tempting to see it as a wide pathway, but please help us reinforce the message that children (and adults) should use the path that runs parallel to the drive. Children who leave bikes or scooters in the cycle shed and children who enter and leave school via the KS2 playground are the main users. With care, it shouldn't be too difficult to keep social distancing going even though the path is narrow.

It's also really important that children leaving items in the bike shed don't charge across the drive without looking – it does happen fairly frequently. Please don't let younger children race ahead out of your sight if they're collecting bikes or scooters. We want to keep all our children safe and well!

Yours sincerely,

**SAM PATER**  
**HEADTEACHER**