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To All Parents / Carers

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As another week has flown past in school and I continue to be delighted with the way the children have adapted so quickly to their new routines.

Arrival and Departure

Thank you to all those families who observe the staggered collection times each day after school. Every school is unique in its setting and our challenges are around the space available to dismiss and the number of exits from the site.

We acknowledge the difficulties some families have experienced when siblings have different collection times and we are incredibly grateful for the total support you have shown, as this is necessary to protect our consistent groups (bubbles) and keep our community safe.

We have been informed that the grass opposite the Elmgrove Road entrance, in front of the TA centre is private land and not council owned as previously thought. We therefore respectfully ask that families wait further along Elmgrove Road in an area not likely to cause obstruction or gatherings. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Unlike many other settings we have enabled a non-staggered drop off in the morning to allow families total flexibility. All pupils can arrive at school at any time between 8.30am – 8.55am. I am aware of a few pupils arriving past 9am which causes disruption and means administration staff are required to enter bubbles they otherwise do not need to. I acknowledge that the vast majority of families are adhering to this time frame and thank you for your cooperation. If your child arrives persistently late the administration team will be in contact with you directly.

E-safety and Home Learning



The school are working hard to ensure that children know how to access learning from home should they need to self-isolate at any point and with this in mind, we would like to remind you about key steps you can take to ensure your children are safe online.

Although the children have some shared passwords for accessing games and books, usernames and passwords should always be kept private. Please check that your children are only accessing the sites you know are safe and ensure you switch on parental controls for your home devices. I would also like to draw your attention to age restrictions of applications, games and social media accounts. Thank you for your support with this and we will continue to enforce e-safety during computing lessons in school.

Harvest



As informed last week the theme of our class collective worship is Harvest and we will be reflecting on all that we are grateful for, for the beautiful world in which we live and for the food we have to eat. Our virtual Harvest Celebration will take place on **Monday 5th October** and in a slight change to our previous plans this will be shared with parents via our website in due course.

As is our usual tradition, we will be inviting children to bring an item to school for donation to Harrow Foodbank. **Children should bring any donation to school on Monday 5th October.** For details of current requests from the foodbank please see <https://harrow.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> . This is regularly updated with current requirements. Please note that perishables should not be brought for donation. There will be boxes for donations at the pupil entrances. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to support us in delivering our donations to Harrow Food Bank.



Mini Marathon

We are thrilled that this year the children will be taking part in the Mini London Marathon to run 2.6 miles over a number of days. This event will take place during school time to ensure our consistent groups are maintained throughout this event.

We are working in conjunction with our PTFA to raise vital funds for our school library and for the designated charity Macmillan Cancer Support.

Mr Wade will be coordinating this event and further communication regarding the sponsorship for your child and final details will follow. Donations will be made via our PTFA Library Legacy Donation page: [Library Donations](#)

PE Kit should now be in school all week, sent home on Friday and returned to school on Monday.

Covid-19 Update

Finally, I would like to reassure parents that the School continues to keep abreast of all the developments surrounding the virus and review our procedures to ensure the risk of any possible infection is mitigated as far as possible. On Monday, our Covid Compliance Advisor and Infection Control Specialist will re-visit the school to assess the effectiveness of our procedures and risk assessment.

In the meantime, please continue to be vigilant and if any member of your household develops symptoms follow the government guidance in this regard.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

A reminder of the symptoms:

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back or your temperature is above 37.5c

- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your 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 your result.

Despite the weather forecast, I wish you all a restful and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Revd Daniel Norris
Executive Headteacher