 **Hassell Primary Weekly Update 5.10.2020**

**Mental HealthDay #helloyellow**

Friday 9th October is Mental Health Day – children have been asked to take part by wearing something yellow or bright coloured and bring a £1 donation.

**School Day Timings**

Thank you to everyone who has made the change and ensured that their children are in school for 8.55 each day. We really appreciate your support with this.

 The children in the year 1/2 bubble are all going through the cloakroom doors to hang their coats up now instead of through the classroom. This has helped staff to be able to start lessons promptly and work with children in class before their 9am lesson.

**School Lunches**

We are still trialling a new process for children to order their school hot meals. Thank you to all those who have completed the form each week and paid promptly on parent pay where needed. **All children** who wish to have a school meal need to complete the form so we know their choices. We politely ask that the form is completed by 8am on Monday morning to ensure the children’s orders are all included. Thank you.

**Covid-19 update**

The children are all coping well with the ‘new normal’ as far as routines and changes go. I have emailed out the details for Google Classroom which we would like parents to try at the weekend when the children bring home their school email address and password and the code for their class. This system will be used to set work and communicate with class teachers should we have to close any bubble groups. We sincerely hope this won’t happen but want to be prepared if it does.

Please be reassured that the children remain in their bubble groups throughout the day, only sharing lunch and breaktimes with others in their bubbles. We also have hand sanitiser pumps outside each classroom, by the water dispenser and at key points across school. The regular touch points and toilets are also cleaned during the middle of the day as well as the before and end of school.

I would also like to thank our school community for their sensible and proactive approach to anyone who may have Covid symptoms by keeping off school until results are known. By doing this we are all helping to keep our children, staff and families safe. Sadly, the rate of infections within the Newcastle catchment area are on the increase so we all need to be extra careful and not become complacent in the practises that are now common place so that they remain a focus for our children.

**School Reports**

In a normal school year we would soon be having settling in parents evening for you to meet your child’s new teacher and talk about the first few weeks in their new class. Unfortunately due to Covid regulations, it is not safe to do that this year. Instead, we will be sending out a short report for parents about their child. If you have any concerns that you would like to discuss, there will be the opportunity to request a call from their teacher. If you have any small queries, please don’t hesitate to leave a message in the morning with the staff on duty, or phone the office to arrange a call. Staff may also be able to speak to parents at the end of the day when they see the children out. If this is the case, I respectfully ask that parents remember the guidance and stand 2meters away from the school adults they are talking too.

**Roof works and resurfacing**

We are having to have some additional works completed to the chimney stacks on the school roof. Scaffolding and Harris fencing will be going up this week at the front of school in order for this work to take place. Following on from this, the front of school will be being resurfaced. If you need to go to the office for any reason please be extra careful.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind Regards

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