



# DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Headteacher's Thoughts

Welcome to the Autumn term, I hope you all had a great summer holiday and had the opportunity to rest and relax. It has been wonderful to see classrooms full of children enjoying their learning and time together. Thank you to the staff with the various changes we have made to the ways of working under the new guidance and recommendations as well as the children for settling into our new routines with ease. Let's hope this year we are able to enjoy the whole school year together without disruption.

Some additional thoughts following the first few days:

- Please make sure that all uniform and property is labelled with your child's name as we will not be using our lost property box – I am hoping this could become something kept in the past.
- Please at the end of the day, allow the staff to make sure that children are with the correct adult in our carousel method and let the office know if there is a change to the pickup arrangements as soon as possible.
- Can I remind everyone not to include any nuts (including peanut butter) in your child's snack or lunch.
- We have decided to continue not allowing sweets etc for birthdays – I know this will be upsetting for some; however, as a school we need to promote healthy eating and lifestyles.

Although, this year schools are not responsible for track and tracing of classes etc. – it would be useful to know if children have been close contacts of a COVID case and details of their subsequent PCR test for our records. Also, should we be aware of a case within school, I will send a letter to inform – this will be just for information and not include any personal details.

Mr. Leigh

### Our Christian Value for this half term is:

## Respect

We will be learning about respect for people because you admire something about them respect for other people's feelings, wishes and rights as well as respect for the environment. We will learn that we can't expect to be respected unless we show respect.

*'So, whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them'*  
*Matthew 7:12*

### Future Diary Dates.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Y6 start swimming

22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> September – Bikeability Y6 – further details to follow.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 3:05pm – End of Term 1

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – INSET day

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Start of Term 2

## **Taken from Government advice to parents**

### **What should I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?**

If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home. You should arrange for them to get a PCR test and tell your child's school the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better. If the test is negative, they should go to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

### **What happens if my child has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms?**

If your child has been identified as a close contact, you will be advised that your child takes a PCR test. They will not have to self-isolate unless they have a positive PCR test result.

### **Will my child be vaccinated?**

Children at primary school are not being offered the vaccine. Only young people aged 16 to 17 have currently been offered the vaccine, as well as children aged 12 to 15 with specific underlying health conditions or who live with others at increased risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19 are now also eligible for the vaccine. All school staff have now been offered the vaccine.

### **For further information and guidance:**

- To find out more about what to expect when pupils return to school in September, visit: [www.gov.uk/backtoschool](http://www.gov.uk/backtoschool)
- How to order a rapid COVID-19 test for asymptomatic testing: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>
- How to report your rapid COVID-19 test results: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or call 119 (free from mobile or landline)
- How to order a PCR test if you or your child has COVID-19 symptoms: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>