

Thursday 5th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good half term break. It is lovely to see the children back and ready to learn! This half term is always an exciting one with the run-up to Christmas. As you are aware, the announcement from the Prime Minister stated that despite us beginning in national lock down, schools will remain open. With this in mind, I would like to remind parents/carers of the systems we have in place to ensure maximum safety for both children, parents and staff.

Collection and Drop Off Times remain the same as last half term. A reminder of the system is below:

Start and End of the Day:

EYFS/Year 1

EYFS will access and exit each day through the small gate. The start of the day is from **8:45 to 8:55am** Pick up time will be **3:30pm**. Please make sure that you adhere to the drop off/pick up times to minimise contact with other parents.

Yr2/3

Please use the one way system through the main gates and main entrance. Drop off time will be from **8:45 to 9am**. Pick up time is from **3:30pm** from the main entrance. A member of staff will be at the door to welcome your child into the building and see your child out at the end of the day.

Yr 4/5/6

Please use the one way system through the main gates and main entrance to drop off your child. Drop off time is from **8:45 to 9am**. Pick up time is at **3:30pm**. Children will exit from the classroom into the playground.

Please maintain distancing at all times. A member of staff will be at the door to welcome your child into the building and see your child out at the end of the day.

We endeavour to continue to keep everyone as safe as possible within the school community. Therefore, please be reminded of the following:

- Please adhere to staggered drop off and collection times-please avoid arriving early.
- Ensure only one parent/adult from each family collects and drops off children
- Please wear a face covering [if not exempt]
- Maintain a suitable social distance of 2m at all times to other adults
- Once your child has come out of school, please leave the playground promptly to avoid gatherings and avoid becoming a contact.

Bubbles In school

Bubbles will remain as they are with EYFS/Year 1 as a bubble and Year 2/3 and Year 4/5/6 as a bubble. Our Risk Assessment is frequently reviewed and updated and is available to view on the school website.

Ventilation

We have to ensure that all of our classrooms and areas in school are adequately ventilated which is an important aspect of our Risk Assessment. Therefore, classroom windows will continue to remain open for the foreseeable future. As we move into the colder weather season, we recommend that your child/ren bring an extra jumper or hoodie to school to wear in the classroom if you so wish. Please make sure that extra clothing is named.

A warm Sigglesothorne Welcome to Miss Young!

We are pleased to announce that we have another member of the Sigglesothorne team for this half term. Miss Young has been employed for two days a week (Mon and Tues) to support pupils in Mrs Owen's and Mrs Prosser's class.

Children In Need

We are looking forward to taking part in Children in Need on the 13th November. We are aware that we will be in lockdown during this period. Therefore, to avoid having to buy specific items, children can come to school wearing something 'spotty'. We kindly request a 'non-school uniform' donation of £1 which will be donated to the Children in Need fund. Thank you in advance for your support.

Anti-Bullying Week

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United Against Bullying. Anti-Bullying Week will happen from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November and will start with Odd Socks Day to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying Week. All the children need to do is to wear odd socks to school to highlight that we are all unique. Please encourage your child to participate in this event to ensure that the message regarding anti-bullying is loud and clear. The staff will also be wearing odd socks on that day! There will be other activities and events taking place which teachers will inform you of nearer the time.

Parents Evening

As you are aware, parents evenings are to be held remotely this year. I hope that you will find the time spent talking to the teachers about your child's progress informative and helpful. If you have not been able to keep your appointment or would like to discuss an issue further, please contact the school and we will be happy to make you another appointment.

Finally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or email admin.sig@ebor.academy. We will continue to do our best for our children and staff in school and your cooperation is extremely valuable to us.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Please stay safe and well during lockdown.

Kind regards,
Victoria Tippett