

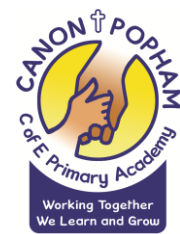
CANON POPHAM CofE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of our first full week back at school, we would first like to say a massive WELL DONE to the children for keeping going this week and giving their very best efforts each day, right to the end of the week. We know that for many children, after such a long extended period at home, getting back into school routines and building their learning stamina will be something to work on and so it has been good to see them trying so hard.

Welcome to our Reception children.

It has also been lovely to welcome all of our Reception children into school. It has been great to see their enthusiasm during their first few days in school! Welcome to all their parents and carers as well. We hope you enjoy being part of our Canon Popham school family.

Changes to the school holiday pattern for 2021/22

We would like to confirm with you, well in advance, that the next school year's holiday pattern will be changing. Following a consultation process, the Local Authority has initiated a change to the holiday pattern and in line with the other pyramid schools we will be adopting this pattern. This will begin in **September 2021**.

The main changes are:

- There will be a 2 week holiday at October half term 2021, instead of the current 1 week.
- The Spring term holiday (that has previously been linked to the Easter weekend) will change and become a fixed holiday pattern that may not always fall during the Easter weekend in future.
- The summer holiday will be reduced from 6 weeks to 5 weeks.

We are letting you know this a year in advance, so that, should you be wishing to book your 2021/22 holidays you are aware of the changes that are going to be introduced across the Local Authority. Please be assured that our holiday pattern will be in line with Hungerhill, so that siblings in both schools will have the same holidays. If you would like a copy of this school holiday pattern it can be found on Doncaster Council's website <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/school-holidays-and-term-dates>

If you require a printed copy, please contact the school office.

PE in school

Because of the current restriction in terms of social distancing it is difficult at the moment for all children to have enough space to change for PE in their classrooms.

For Key Stage 2 children, where we would usually provide separate boys and girls changing we are currently unable to do this and maintain the integrity of the class bubbles. Therefore, starting next week we are asking that **on PE day only, children come to school in appropriate clothing/ trainers for them to access outdoor PE** (we are currently unable to use our hall for this). They will not need to come to school in uniform on that day.

We do not want parents to feel pressurised to provide any specific outdoor kit. We would simply ask that children come to school wearing appropriate and sensible clothing (not fashion items please) to access PE outdoors and to stay warm while doing so. This will enable us to deliver the PE curriculum in a safer manner, taking into account the current restrictions.



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Start and finish of school

Thank you so much to everyone who is helping us to keep safe by following the systems in place for the staggered start and finish times. For those entering at the main school gates you may have noticed that we are not opening these gates in the mornings until 8:35. This is because we are trying to keep the numbers of people on the school premises to a minimum at any one time. You can help by not arriving too early or congregating on the path outside of school. We appreciate that for parents with children in different classes and different start times this may not be possible, but we ask that for those who are able to, you try not to arrive at school too early.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any concerns about your child, or anything that you would like to discuss with us, please contact school, by phone or email in the first instance. We are here to help!

Mrs Navas



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