

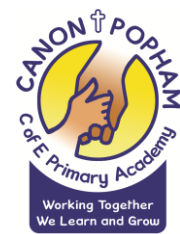
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Monday 25th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your continued support with your children's learning, whether this is from home or from school. I would like to apologise for the delay in this letter getting published on the usual Friday publication day. We will continue to publish weekly update letters every Friday so please look out for the next one on Friday 29th January.

Here are some updates which I hope you will find helpful.

Arbor App and notifications

Please can we ask all parents to ensure that you download the Arbor App and that you check that you are receiving notifications and emails via Arbor.

From March we will no longer be using our current text messaging system- Teachers2Parents- and will be using Arbor exclusively to send quick text notifications and emails- therefore you need to ensure that this is in place. At the moment we can see that a number of parents aren't checking these notifications and emails, and as a result you may be missing information that you need. We will, of course continue to put important letters etc. on the school website and also on Parent Voice as well, but all of the day to day general communication will be via Arbor.

If you need help with this please contact the school office.

Uniform

For those children who are currently attending school provision, we would like them to **start wearing their uniform to come to school from Monday 25th January** (except for PE day, when appropriate exercise clothing should be worn.) We hope that this will make it easier in the mornings for families whose children are coming to school, as we have had some feedback from parents, who have said they would find this helpful and less stressful! We also feel that it will help us in school to maintain consistency of expectations for all the children. This is particularly the case given that we have more children accessing the provision in school now than in the first lockdown last summer.

Change to Work Pack collection and drop off arrangements.

Because we have introduced teaching staff PPA time each Thursday afternoon, which means that there will be no live Zoom lessons on Thursdays, we plan to use **this Thursday (28th January)** as the drop off/ collection time for new work packs. We hope that not having the pressure of live zoom time lessons will create a bit of flexibility for parents to be able to come and get the next work packs and drop off work. This will be done in the same way as previously, with packs being available, from your class entrance points from 11:30 – 3:00pm

Sharing children's work with their teacher.

You may remember from last week's Friday letter, we are looking at ways of sharing children's learning from home more quickly and easily with the class teacher. This will enable staff to target their teaching more effectively by seeing how children are learning.

Next week we will be starting to introduce 'Seesaw'. This is a platform that will enable parents to easily send in their child's work to the teacher more regularly. Please look out for a letter which will come home next week, giving you the details and log in code for your child.



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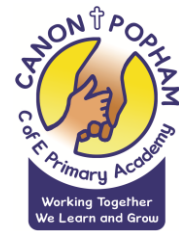
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Staff weekly testing

I hope that you received the letter that went out last week about the staff in school being tested twice per week for COVID 19. This is to detect asymptomatic cases in the staff. We hope that parents will find this reassuring.

Our test kits are due for delivery by the middle of this week and so we hope to have our first round of testing completed by the end of the week (delivery permitting).

This is a government run programme and at present there are no indications that primary school children will be tested. If this were to change at any time in the future we would let you know.

Help if you need it

We are very aware that in these strange and difficult times, more people than ever may find themselves in need of help. This could be with your own or your well-being, behaviour support, worries about finances and benefits, eligibility for free school meals or indeed other aspects of life that may have been impacted by this ongoing situation. If you feel that you need to talk to someone, please consider contacting us in school. We can often help with practical support or pointing you in the direction of organisations that can help, if we are unable to.

Stay safe everyone

Mrs Navas



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