

# CANON POPHAM CofE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Parking on Church Balk**

This week there have been some 'spot check' patrols by traffic enforcement officers on Church Balk. We would like to thank everyone who continues to park safely and would like to encourage all parents and carers to park considerately and not to park illegally on the yellow chevron area. We understand that the enforcement officers will be making random checks at different times of the day and will issue fines for any person parking illegally.

Please help us to keep all our children safe by making sure that you do not park inappropriately.

## **Testing for children with symptoms of COVID 19**

We understand that from time to time children get colds and coughs. However, we all need to continue to work together to ensure that we keep all our children and staff as safe as possible, and bubbles open. This means that if your child has a cough, temperature or loss of sense of smell or taste, they MUST be tested using a full PCR test and NOT an LFT test from a home testing kit.

We would ask that parents and carers remember that where a child has any symptoms, staff MUST ask that parents keep the child at home until they have a PCR test result. Unfortunately, this week we have had some situations where staff have been subjected to some inappropriate responses from parents. Please remember that, while we understand your frustration with the requirement to get children tested, staff are simply doing their jobs, following guidance and working to keep everyone safe.

## **Changes to the lockdown roadmap from 17<sup>th</sup> May and how this impacts school.**

It is great news that things are gradually opening up and that we are continuing to move towards a time when the world will be more back to normal. Revised guidance has been issued to schools this week and the main points to note are:

- For primary schools, the safety systems will be maintained as they are with class bubbles, staggered start and finish times and all of the procedures that have been in place since September continuing.
- All teaching staff will continue to wear masks when not working in the classroom with children.
- Parents and carers must continue to wear masks and practice social distancing when dropping off and collecting children from school
- We understand that hugging within family group bubbles will be permitted but we are all being encouraged to exercise caution with this and so we would ask that parents and carers do not encourage children to hug their friends in school until it is safer to do so.

We are very much aware that all of our children have had a long time now within class bubbles, and significantly restricted social groups. Schools have not received any guidance about when we will be able to move away from this and back towards children mixing together more widely within school. However, at the point when we are able to do this, please be assured that we will plan this carefully, bearing in mind children's social development and mental health needs. We understand how



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important it will be to support them to be reintroduced carefully to wider social groups and re-establish the friendships and social skills necessary for this.

As far as we are aware, there are no expected changes to guidance planned over the coming 6 weeks and bubbles will be remaining in place.

## **Events coming up in the next few weeks.**

We want to ensure that children can enjoy special times such as sports day, whilst making sure that we keep everyone as safe as possible and bubbles in place. We have sports day scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> June, but this will take place within school, as we will still not be able to bring together parents and carers as we would normally do. Class bubbles will be kept separate, but there will be a competitive element to the sports and children will be able to take part in both class races and sports activities, including scoring points for their team. We hope that the children will have lots of fun and look forward to next year when we hope COVID will be a thing of the past and we will be able to welcome parents in to these events once again.

Next half term we will also be holding a special Arts Week, which we know that the children thoroughly enjoy.

As always, if you have any worries or concerns about any aspect of your child's school experience or development, please feel welcome to contact us. We are here to help.

Mrs Navas



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