

# CANON POPHAM CofE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed the longer Bank Holiday weekend. Here are a few updates and reminders from school.

## **Reminders about COVID procedures.**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to be alert and ensure that children do not attend school if they have any of the COVID symptoms. These are:

- New and persistent cough
- A temperature
- Loss of sense of taste and / or smell

If your child has any single one of these symptoms they should not attend school and should have a PCR test. **YOU SHOULD NOT DO A LATERAL FLOW TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID. THEY SHOULD HAVE A PCR TEST.**

Lateral flow tests are only for identifying people who may have COVID but do not have any symptoms.

In school we continue to follow all of our safety measures. We want to thank all those parents and carers supporting us to keep bubbles open by ensuring that you continue to follow the current government guidance when children are outside of school.

## **Uniform reminders**

We do our best to set high standards at Canon Popham and our school uniform is part of this. We would like to remind you particularly about the following:

- No extreme haircuts – we ask that children do not have haircuts with ‘patterns’ cut into the sides or back or to have extreme hairstyles
- Hair accessories should be small and neat. This is for health and safety reasons. We have noticed that some children are coming to school in headbands with additional large bits such as ‘ears’ on them. These can easily get caught or pulled when children are playing and for this reason we ask that these items are not worn for school
- No nail varnish please
- Black shoes and not trainers ( unless it is your child’s PE day)

## **Road works on Church Balk**

We have just been informed by Doncaster Council that from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, there will be new roadworks starting on Church Balk. The purpose of the work is to resurface and improve the footpaths for the whole of Church Balk. This is likely to include traffic lights and restrictions as the work develops. Residents have also been asked to park their cars off the road and on their drives where possible. It may therefore be advisable to seek alternative parking arrangements and avoid Church Balk.



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The work is likely to last for 7 weeks. Please be mindful of this information when thinking about how you get to and from school.

## **Reminder about additional time in school**

Just a reminder that from next week, children from Reception to Y6 are being invited to stay for an additional 40 minutes teaching time at the end of their school day. This is to make up the teaching time lost by school closing a day early linked to COVID concerns at Christmas.

We would like to remind you that, unless you have contacted us to say that your child will not be attending, we will expect that all children will be present.

Thank you for your support in helping us to ensure that all our children can access every possible learning minute.

## **School Lunch changes from 10<sup>th</sup> May**

We hope that you have been able to look at the new summer menu which will be launched on Monday. As a small step towards getting back to normal, children from years 2 to 6 will be able to go to the hall to collect their lunch fresh from the kitchen staff each day. They will take their lunch back to their class bubbles to eat. We are sure that the children will enjoy this next step. Please be assured that class bubbles will be maintained as they do this, in order to keep everyone safe. Reception and Year 1 children will continue to have their lunches served to them and will not be asked to collect their lunches themselves.

As always, if you have any concerns, queries or need to speak to us, please feel welcome to contact us. We are here to help!

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