



## Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real delight to observe the smiling faces and joyful buzz around school over the last few days, as our school community is reunited once again. We have welcomed our Reception families for Story time and stay and play sessions and have enjoyed much anticipated catch ups with returning pupils. You will be pleased to know that Mrs Savory, Head of School at Chandag Junior School, has told us that our brilliant Year 2 leavers have settled in exceptionally well and are showcasing our school moto of 'Be the best you can be', which is fantastic to hear.

As always, school has been a busy place to be this week with lots of amazing learning going on, some of which we have shared in the photographs below. All of the children have amazed us with their ability to adapt to new routines, whilst showing resilience and an enthusiasm for learning that we know will continue to make us proud as the year goes on.

Our KS1 parents were invited to 'Meet the Teacher' virtually this week, (Reception to follow later in the term) allowing teachers to answer your important questions. If you were unable to attend this session, we will share the questions and responses on our school website. Soon, we will be sharing some important dates with you regarding virtual/telephone Parents' evenings and teacher workshops.

We look forward to a full and rewarding year ahead and to continuing your child's learning journey with you.

Best Wishes

Mrs A Smart      Miss Willington

Headteacher      Deputy Headteacher

Look at this amazing work from Kingfisher Class! All Year 1 and 2 pupils have shared The Colour Monster book and have talked about feelings this week, linking them to colours.



Some more snapshots from our week...



Year 1 Bubble Assembly



Reception Story Time



Active Maths!

### **URGENTLY REQUIRED– 2x SMSAs**

We have vacancies for 2 full time School Meals Supervisory Assistants (SMSAs). We need to recruit these staff members as soon as possible, so that each class is able to have their own, designated SMSA. Hours are 1hr 20 minutes, Monday to Friday. If you think you might like to join our team, even on a job share, part time basis, **please contact Mrs Weeks or watch our school website for details.**

### **School Attendance**

As we know, if children have a new, persistent cough, a high temperature or a loss of taste or smell, they should not attend school.

However, runny noses, headaches or sore throats in isolation, are normal for this time of year and are not identified as symptoms of COVID-19. Children with minor cold symptoms and no COVID symptoms should attend school as normal. Each child's attendance is monitored by the school and by the local authority and is expected to be 100%. We understand that children may need to quarantine whilst they or a family member are awaiting test results however and therefore this absence will be authorised.

Anyone seeking leave during term time, should request a form from the school office. Absence is only granted in exceptional circumstances. Absences for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays or Friday travel to weekend destinations will not be authorised.

Dental and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours unless this is an emergency. All appointments must be verified by Mrs Weeks before children are taken out of school.

Children should remain at home for 48 hours following sickness or diarrhoea. If in doubt, please telephone the school office.

### **Staggered timings of the day**

We have looked at the timings of our day alongside those of the other schools on campus. Now that foot traffic is faster through our school grounds, we have been able to make a slight adjustment to the drop off and pick up times which will help with coordination across the full site. We anticipate that these timings will

dovetail with Chandag Junior School but if you have any difficulties with the changes due to sibling drop offs, please let us know via the school office from Monday next week.

**The following timings will take effect from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, when Reception pupils will attend full time:**

Arrival: 8.45am – to enter the site in this order: Kingfishers, Otters, Badgers

9am – to enter the site in this order: Owls (line up on playground), Squirrels, Hedgehogs

Departure: 2.55pm – to leave in this order: Kingfishers, Otters, Badgers

3.10pm - to leave the site in this order: Owls (collect from playground), Squirrels, Hedgehogs

Staff will be present at the gates to guide you round the one-way system. Please do not enter the site until your child's arrival/departure time.

### **Cherwell Road lane**

The lane to Cherwell Road will re-open from Monday, to create another option when walking to and from school. If you choose to take this route, please note that 2 metre distancing will not be possible when passing those going in the opposite direction. You may choose to wear a face covering if using this walkway.

### **Park and Stride**

As in previous years, the kind owners at New Inn, the Cricket Club and the Talbot have given permission for parents to park in their car parks at drop off and pick up times. If you are not within walking distance to school, you may find that parking here and walking or scooting to school is preferable to trying to find a space on Chandag Road.

### **Drop-off**

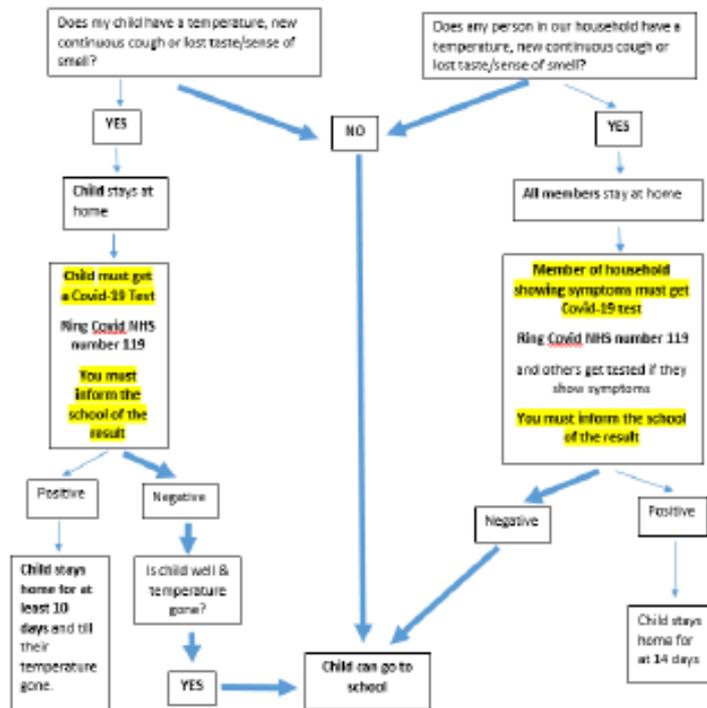
It is essential that children enter classrooms as swiftly as possible, so that our staggered arrival is successful and the flow of pedestrian traffic round the one way system is as efficient as possible. Please prepare your child to enter the classroom by ensuring that they are holding their own water bottle, book bag and lunch box before they reach the classroom door. We would be grateful if discussions with teachers could be saved for the end of the day, rather than the beginning, for the same reason.

### **Parent Governors**

We have vacancies for 2 parent governors this year. If you are interested in finding out more about the role or would like an application form, please contact Mrs Weeks in the school office. Governors meet 6 x year and also meet with their link teacher periodically at times to suit. We welcome applications from all parents and carers.

Thank you

### Flow chart for managing COVID-19 symptoms at home



If your child shows any COVID-19 symptoms they cannot return to school without receiving a Negative test

If you are contacted by NHS Test & Trace (and your child was with you during the contact with the COVID-19 person) you and your child must self-isolate for 14 days even if either of you receive a negative test.  
If your child was not with you when you had contact with the positive person, your child can attend school as long as you do not develop symptoms.