

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the first week back and it has felt like a long one. Here are just a few points to share ahead of next week:

COVID updates

As you are aware, we have had a week which has seen us affected by the virus, but please rest assured that all are well and we can't wait to all be back together soon. A short time apart to guarantee that people are as safe as possible will be well worth the disruption. We are excited to have started some remote teaching with some of the classes impacted and this will continue with some of our other children next week. I know I say it regularly but I couldn't be more grateful for your understanding in how we are dealing with things and please be safe in the knowledge that we are doing all that we can to help stop the spread and protect our children, staff and families

Photos

Unfortunately, due to the national lockdown, school photos will not be taking place on Monday as initially planned. We must, as you can imagine, limit external visitors. We will look forward to arranging another opportunity for the photographers to visit at a safer time. I appreciate that this is disappointing but just think of the time you'll save on Monday morning not worrying about the perfect uniform and presentation of hair! 😊

Flu Vaccinations

These will go ahead as planned. Any children not in school due to isolating will be vaccinated at a different time and we will let you know when we have further details on this.

TEAMS user agreement

I'm sure you've all seen that the children are now becoming familiar with using TEAMS – this is the secure class portal that we will be using for remote teaching in the event of any classes being shut down and needing to be taught online. The children and teachers have been becoming familiar with the system and how this can be used best to enhance learning. As you can imagine now that they are getting to know how it works it is important to set some boundaries for appropriate use. Please see attached a letter outlining our intentions and please take time to discuss this with your child. We will be discussing this with them in school as well.

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Study Guides for Autumn 2

We are delighted to announce that our wonderful curriculum study guides are now live on our website under the year group pages for Years 2-5. Reception and Year 1 currently still follow the Early Years curriculum, but we are excited to announce that Year 1 can look forward to Key Stage 1 study guides from Spring 1 in line with our catch up curriculum agenda.

Warm Clothes

It's getting chilly and we are continuing to ventilate every room at the academy so please make sure that you send your child to school dressed appropriately. Extra layers, vests... any additional items that you might think will keep them warm!

Attendance

As you know winter is likely to bring some disruptions to education due to class closures, tracking and tracing and virus related illness. With that in mind, please make every effort to ensure that your children are attending school as often as possible on the days that they can be here – it really is crucial to them getting the very best this academic year. Obviously if they are too poorly to be in school, or have any of the three symptoms, do not send them in. However, if they have a little snuffle, or are feeling just a little under the weather, it's more important than ever that they are here with us getting the very best teaching input before we see any further disruption. As always we thank you for your support in giving your children the very best.

Reception Class Photos

Earlier in the term the Bristol Evening Post photographer took photos of our new reception classes and the photos will be appearing today in the Bristol Post First Class supplement so don't forget to pick up a copy if you would like to see the photos!

Stay safe on this first weekend of lockdown.

Kindest regards,
Clare