



Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you continue to remain safe and well. Later in this newsletter are the updates about progress towards opening onsite provision to years 6, 1 and Reception. Please take time to look at this.

However, this week it seems only right to discuss another issue.

Over recent days there have been demonstrations and outrage across the world over the senseless death of George Floyd.

In school we are here to help children discover and learn about the world to help them understand there are two sides to every argument because that is the way to develop critical thinkers and promote tolerance and understanding. However, at times like this it is hard to imagine any justification or other side to the argument. Hate is Hate. Racism is Racism.

As a school we have 5 values at the core of our ethos. These were not words grabbed off the shelf. As many of you know we took nearly two years to agree them because we believed they were the foundation on which to build our school.

- Inspired and inspire others
- Respected and respect everyone
- Successful and help others to succeed
- Resilient and help others to develop resilience
- Heard and cared for



Hate and racism is built in ignorance, education is the key to tackling this. Therefore, in the coming weeks we will be asking all children to become part of a whole school awareness project. Details of this will be sent out to you.

We are privileged to be such a diverse community but with that comes responsibility. We need to be able to lead the way in how mutual respect, tolerance, and equality can be achieved.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in building a more just world for our children.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

Do you have
children under 5
in your home?

Family Support:

The family support team is there to give
advice if needed

078 703 6597/ 079 392 196 124



Need to reach
out and talk to
someone else?

WIDER SCHOOL OPENING UPDATE

Risk Assessment Update

We have had our risk assessment reviewed by the Local Authority and received the feedback today. It was positive with just a few adjustments and/or clarifications.

Therefore, we are still looking to widen onsite provision to years 6, 1 and Reception as planned (see below)

- Year 6 are due to return on Monday 15th
- Year 1 are due to return on Monday 22nd
- Reception are due to return on Monday 29th



We have now confirmed numbers for year 6 and only have a few more year 1 parents to contact. Reception parents we will be contacting you at the start of next week to ask you to confirm if you wish your child to return to onsite provision.

Please remember that all onsite provision is Monday to Thursday only to allow for deep cleaning on a Friday. If you choose for your child to attend it is expected that they attend Monday to Thursday and if they do not attend you should report their absence in the normal way to the main school office.

Return to School Agreement

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the return to school agreement which is based on core aspects of the risk assessment. If your child is returning to site (or is onsite as part of the priority provision) please make sure you read this. We will be asking for you to confirm that you agree to this as part of our joint commitment to try and reduce risk as much as possible.



Supporting Healthy Sleep Habits

Getting a good night's sleep is important for health and wellbeing. It gives our bodies time to recover and our brains time to process information. Feeling worried or anxious can affect sleep, particularly at the moment. Every Mind Matters have some top tips for a good night's sleep which can be found at

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/sleep/>

MIND also have some useful resources about how to cope with sleep problems.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-health-problems/sleep-problems/tips-to-improve-your-sleep/>

If you are experiencing an on-going problem with sleeping, you should speak to your GP about this, who will be able to provide support and advice as needed.