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## **Welcome Back**

It has been wonderful to finally welcome all children back to school following the wider opening and the summer break. As you will be aware school has been open throughout the pandemic, first for key workers and then for additional year groups. Having everyone back has always been our priority and I am delighted to see all classes return to school. It is a testimony to all of the children that they have returned as always, with fantastic behaviour and attitudes, which have been noticed and commented on by everyone. It has also been excellent to see them return to school looking so smart in their uniforms and black shoes, thank you for observing our uniform policy. We have also welcomed our new Reception starters to Mercury class and they are settling in well. It has been great to have new pupils in other classes too; a huge welcome to all of the new starters and their families.

The children who have returned for the first time since March, have coped well with some of the changes that we have had to make to the physical learning spaces in class and the routines of the school day. Classes are grouped as bubbles that must be preserved at all times and this means that sadly we are unable to have whole school events such as assemblies, sharing events like open mornings and interactions between staff and parents. We are currently working on ways that the children can still share with you their curricular achievements.

Alternatives for parents evening and the impact on Christmas events are also being considered at this time and we will ensure that you are kept informed of how this will be done within the current restrictions.

We look forward to a busy if at times challenging year ahead. One in which as always, we will go forwards together as a community.

## **Reminders**

I would like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers who have been dropping off and collecting children from school. Your assistance and patience with the different routines and staggered start and collection has been invaluable to helping us to establish these changes to school routines quickly, thus ensuring the safety of the school community. Some things to remember.

- Please do not allow or send your child into school with toys and other objects from home.
- Please stick to the allotted time for your child to attend school. This includes children in year 5 and 6 who now walk to school independently.



- Please do not allow children to play on the equipment in the playground at the start and end of the school day. As well as the potential for accidents, we are unable to clean it sufficiently after use and it therefore poses a potential risk of infection. It is not used by the children during the school day.
- The School is now operating a cashless system. Please do not send your child in with cash to pay for dinner money, this will be returned home. If you wish to pay using cash please contact the school office who will go through the PayPoint system.
- Before and After School Club - Is open from 8:00am in the morning and until 4:30pm in the afternoon. We cannot take any adhoc bookings and need to know if your child will be using the facility at least one week in advance. Anyone calling to make a booking on the day will be declined.
- Adults are reminded not to come into school unless you really have to. i.e. if your query can be dealt with by email or telephone please do this in the first instance. You should only come into the school office if you have an appointment with the class teacher, if you are collecting your child for an appointment or if you have been asked to collect them.
- For safeguarding reasons, if your child is absent from school due to illness you need to contact the school office every day to let us know if your child will not be in school.
- As part of our policy to promote healthy eating please may we remind parents not to send sweets and chocolates in your child's pack up.

## **Selby and Scarborough as Areas of Concern**

Selby and Scarborough have been listed as areas of concern because of growing Covid-19 infection rates. An Area of Concern is defined by the local authority as; the first level of intervention in a three-step process. It means that Government agencies are working more closely with NYCC and local communities to try to prevent, contain and reduce the spread of the virus.

Unlike Areas of Intervention or Areas of Enhanced Support, an Area of Concern does not face additional lockdown requirements at this stage so long as people act to contain and reduce the spread of the virus.

### **What this means for people living in Scarborough and Selby areas is that people are asked to:**

- Exercise extra vigilance in sticking rigorously to hand hygiene and social distancing guidance;
- Use face coverings when leaving home while community infection levels are increasing and avoid crowds;
- Stick to the 'rule of six';
- Take extra care when leaving home if you have an underlying health condition or have been advised to shield;
- If you have covid symptoms, you must get a test. Isolate until you get a test and persist in trying to book one if you are experiencing difficulties.
- If you do not have symptoms, do not get a test, unless directed to do so. Priority is being given to those with symptoms.



## Attendance

As you are aware attendance of school became mandatory from the start of September. Whole school attendance is currently above 96% and is where we would expect it to be. Good school attendance is linked to positive learning outcomes for children so we thank you for ensuring that children are not missing out on any further learning. Over this term we will be catching up on aspects of the curriculum that children have missed as a result of school closures as well as the additional learning from this new academic year so it is vital that children do not have any unnecessary lost learning time.

As a school we appreciate the current dilemma in assessing your child when they display symptoms of illness and determining whether they should attend school. A reference guide has been produced by the county council to assist with decision making should you suspect that your child has covid19 and is attached to this newsletter.

There are 3 symptoms that your child must have 1 or more of for a suspected case of Covid-19.

My child has developed one or more Covid-19 symptoms: • **a new continuous cough** • **a high temperature** • **a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)**

If your child does not display **one or more of these symptoms** then they may have a cold or virus that are usually active at this time of year. They are fine to attend school in this circumstance if you think they are well enough. We will continue to monitor children while they are in school and will notify you should your child be unwell or if we suspect that they are displaying one or more of the above symptoms for Covid-19.

## FoBBS News and Events

FoBBS are currently busy preparing a number of enjoyable fundraising events for your children over the next half term. Our first 2 events of this academic year are a non-uniform day in memory of Thomas Cammack to raise money for the Candlelighters children's cancer charity on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Children may bring a small donation to school and this will be collected in specific collection tins to maintain safety.

Children will also be designing Christmas cards for you to purchase and there will be more information sent to you regarding this.

***We would like to thank all parents for your continued support of FoBBS and the members of FoBBS for the work that they do to support the school through fund raising and the organisation of events.***

New members are always welcome. If you would like to help and support events or have any fundraising ideas you would like to support, please email Julie at [fobbschool@gmail.com](mailto:fobbschool@gmail.com). We always want to hear from you!

