



CHILTON FOLIAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to all our families, old and new, to the start of our new academic year. It was a real pleasure to open our gates on Thursday morning and invite you onto the school grounds. It was also a huge pleasure to see all the children settle into their new class groups, reacquaint with old friends and make new ones. Chatting with staff members and others at the end of the day, we all agreed that a wonderful start has been made and we are very excited about how the new term and the new year is going to unfold. Over the next few days, class teachers will be sending out their welcome letters and curriculum overviews. A newsletter with dates and events to look forward to will also be sent shortly. In the meantime, we have a few important messages to communicate.

Covid-19 Preventative Measures

Wiltshire LA have released a Covid update information pack including a new risk assessment template which we currently processing. The documentation is comprehensive and advises schools what actions to take in relation to Covid-19 Preventative Measures. The school is carefully considering what measures should remain in place to meet our duty of care to staff and pupils and to maintain the confidence of staff and parents that risks are continuing to be managed in a sensible and proportionate manner.

Working within this new guidance, we will be reverting back to normal operations from the beginning of term, with one or two additional cautionary measures in place. The headlines from the LA information pack are:

- When someone develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test: all should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do.
- If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, school will send the individual home where they must follow public health advice.
- Adults and children should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

Our overarching objective is to keep our pupils, their families and our staff safe and to maximise the number of children in face-to face education and minimise any

disruption, in a way that best manages the COVID-19 preventative measures. As a school we will continue to:

- Maintain robust handwashing and hand sanitising
- Ensure suitable ventilation in and around school which is also thermally compliant.
- Maintain regular cleaning of areas and equipment, with a focus on frequently touched areas
- Provide high quality remote education for all children if they are self-isolating as a result of testing positive for Covid.

I mentioned one or two additional, cautionary measures, for the short-term at least:

- The wearing of masks is now not advised; however, if any member of staff or other adult who comes into school would feel more comfortable wearing a form of face protection in a communal area, they are welcome to do so.
- Class bubbles are no longer required and visitors may come into school; however, we would ask all our visitors to continue with Lateral Flow Testing and act accordingly, should the test result indicate Covid-19.
- Until we learn more about the impact that return to school in our area has had on case numbers and the continued roll-out of the vaccination programme including 16 to 17's year olds and possibly younger; I would like to wait a little until we resume our Celebration Assembly and other events where parents are invited en-masse into school.

Attendance

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that attendance is as high as possible and will remain a key focus for the DfE and the local authority. In all schools, there will be a high focus on tackling persistent absence and the full attendance of vulnerable pupils. We have high ambitions for maintaining and exceeding the national standards for school attendance. I will be monitoring our figures carefully and will make contact with families who need support to improve their child's attendance at school.

PE Provision and Project Touchline – Years 1 - 6

For years 1-6 we will be resuming our PE sports provision from next Friday, 10th September. In addition, we have an exciting additional sporting offer to look forward to.

Following a successful application for funding from the Bishops Wordsworth Trust, we have been able to enlist the support of Project Touchline who will be working with the school from Thursday 9th September offering a six-week sport/Christian values programme. These are some of the words that were included in our application.

“Project Touchline helps equip young people to navigate and enjoy good relationships through learning how to live the school's values through sport and a

key factor of the programme is supporting their mental health and wellbeing. We teach justice on the playing field and the importance of challenging injustice when it occurs. We help support pupils to develop courageous advocacy and to see themselves as agents of change, making the world we live in a better place for everyone."

PE kit organisation is as follows:

- **KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2)** – to come to school in PE kit on a Thursday and Friday up until the end of half term.
- **KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)** – to bring PE kit into school from Monday 6th September 2021 so that they can change in and out of PE kit for all PE sessions. Children will be encouraged to take their PE kit home at the end of the week, for washing, to be returned on the following Monday.

School Lunch ordering

Please can we remind everybody that the absolute deadline for ordering lunches through ParentPay; is midnight each Tuesday – to book your child's menu options for the following week.

Kind regards

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With thankfulness, courage and love, we strive to improve heart and mind.

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst". John 4:13