

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Kilmorie Families,

What a week! I am beginning to think a blog about being a first-time head during a pandemic might be a good idea. Nobody could have predicted what life could have been like this September and that we would have tested out our plans for a positive result so early in the year. However, I find myself wanting to thank you all again for your understanding and all the kind feedback we have received. This is such an incredible school and all of you certainly add to that.

Throughout this week's disruption the children really seem to have settled back in very well and are keen to learn. They have also become used to the new routine very quickly and know where to be at which point in the day. We have had our youngest in this week too. Welcome to all our new families to the school, whether that be our new Reception or Nursery children or any new additions to year groups throughout the school.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to remind you all to keep social distancing, limit contact across year groups if you can, please notify us of any positive results as soon as you get them and to keep remembering to make choices that keep you and your families safe. **Best Wishes, Kate**

**REMOTE LEARNING** While Coronavirus remains a threat, we are planning for every eventuality. I am hopeful (as I am sure we all are) that we will remain fully open with all children attending at all times, however, please find below our plans for home learning for those children who are in quarantine or self-isolating and for those children whose classes or year group may be closed:

Tiers1: your child is one of a few who are at home due to self-isolating or quarantining (NOT SICK)

- Teachers will provide a one-page document that will explain the learning to someone at home. This may include links to work that children at school will be using in class and be similar in style to our usual weekly Learning Letters or home learning.
- The year group emails will be used to communicate with you and your child regarding their learning and can be used by you to return photographs of completed work.
- Children will be telephoned once a week to check in on them and make sure they are okay.

Tier 2: your class is in lockdown

**Learning**

- Learning that spans the curriculum areas will be provided over Teams each week for the older children (Yr2-6), learning letters for the younger children (N-Yr1)
- Children in Yr2-6 have their own Teams Channel, which will allow them to privately communicate with their teacher as well as receiving communication as a whole class. Reception and Year 1 teachers will be in touch with the details of the platform they will use that will best meet the needs of their children
- Teachers (or another adult if the teacher is unwell) will feedback having looked at and assessed the children's work

**Contact**

- Half a day a week will be set aside by the teacher to hold webinars for the children in Yr2-6. This will take the shape of your child being invited, along with 4 other children to discuss learning, how they are getting on and to encourage some interaction
- Teachers will telephone children who are not engaging

**KEEPING KILMORIE CHILDREN SAFE -**

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. During lockdown, children got used to spending more time online, which means that they are becoming more internet savvy. Please remember to check websites for information and any age restrictions (many social media platforms restrict use under the age of 13 or older). It is also a good idea to have provision in place to check the messages your child is sending and receiving to ensure they are keeping themselves and others safe.

**ASSEMBLIES** We are planning to do whole class assemblies. This will be done remotely. Watch this space for further information on how this will be delivered.

**SCHOOL TOURS** Prospective reception parents will be pleased to learn that our school tours with our Interim Head Teacher, Kate Glasheen will begin again in mid October. We are planning to organise a virtual tour with an opportunity for a Q&A session included. Further details will follow. Please also keep checking our website for the latest information.

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY** continues to be important for your child. Well done everybody for sticking to the new regime. There are more question marks surrounding illness, which may result in more days off, but please keep bringing your healthy children in.

**AUTUMN TERM DINNER MONEY** The cost of meals for this half term (04/09/20-23/10/20) is £82.80. The amount for the full term (04/09/20-18/12/20) is £163.30.

A reminder if you wish to change the meal option for your child, it has to be done for the entire half term.

Payment can be made via Parent Pay daily, weekly, monthly, half termly or for the full term. Please remember that school meals have to be paid in advance.

If you have any outstanding amounts we would appreciate prompt settlement of any monies owing. Should you have any queries regarding your account please contact the office team by emailing [info@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk).

**Free School Meals** Please remember to apply for free school meals/pupil premium if your circumstances have changed, or to review your eligibility. This can be done via the local authority's website [www.lewisham.gov.uk](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk) or Kilmorie website [www.kilmorieschool.co.uk](http://www.kilmorieschool.co.uk) under the Parent/School Dinner tab.

**PARENT PAY ACCOUNTS** We are in the process of updating parent pay accounts. Please bear with us whilst this is being done.

For parents new to the school, parent pay logins will be issued shortly.

**LOLLIPOP MAN** For those crossing over Cranston Road, you will be pleased to learn that we have now been allocated a lollipop man. Phil started his post on Wednesday this week.

**OFFICE ENQUIRIES AND HOURS** The office staff work hard to support you and respond to your questions and queries. Currently the office hours have been revised this term to 8am until 4pm. Our busiest time is 8-9.30am in the morning, lunchtime and 2.45pm to 4pm. We are also working with a limited number of staff. Please be patient as we do everything as quickly as we can.

If it is not an urgent enquiry, please consider calling the office during other times in the day or send an email to [info@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk)

In line with all public establishments, we operate zero tolerance for any abusive behaviour.

**MEDICINES IN SCHOOL** A reminder that it is school policy that medicines can only be administered at school when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to do so.

**Prescription Medicines** must be in date, labelled in the original container including prescriber's instructions re administration, dosage and storage. We will only administer prescribed medication which has a frequency of 4 or more times a day.

Parents are encouraged to look at dose frequencies and timing so that if possible medicines can be taken out of school hours. Parents can ask doctors for timed-release medication for a minimum number of daily doses.

**Non-Prescription Medicines:** Unless there is written confirmation from a GP that this has been agreed, no non-prescription medication will be administered on a regular basis.

**KILMORIE WRAP AROUND CARE**

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**Breakfast Club:** Due to the new staggered school start times, there is no admittance to breakfast club after 08.30am.

**Nursery and Reception Children: Wrap Around Care** Starts on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

**Wrap Around Team**