

Knights Enham Junior School



Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We were delighted to welcome almost every child back to school yesterday – well done everyone!

It was lovely to see the children so smart in their uniforms all smiling as they came into their new classes and very soon they were all chatting to their friends as if they had not been away. The school has come to life again now it is full of children.

I hope everyone has read the guidance that was sent out concerning which explains the arrangements we have made to keep everyone safe during the current Covid-19 situation. If you have not yet read them please take the time or come and ask the office if you cannot access them online or need a hard copy. Please note they are on our website as well.

We do need everyone to follow the rules which includes following the one way system around the school and adults social distancing. Further details concerning this are included in this newsletter. I appreciate this is not always convenient for people as walking round the building takes more time. I know the timings do not fit with parent's work or collecting other children but everyone needs to follow the rules to keep everyone safe. We cannot risk an outbreak and the school having to close again and I don't want to put staff and families at risk.

We will be spending the next couple of weeks settling the children into school and assessing where they are in their learning. We will be looking to you to help us support your child as we help them to close the gap in their learning. More information about this will come out in the next couple of weeks.

Mr Britt and I will be remaining at the school until Christmas whilst the Governing Body recruit a new Headteacher and we look forward to continuing to work with you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have a concern – however small. At the moment this is best done by phoning or emailing the school office then we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Sally Harvey– Interim Headteacher

Remember **DO NOT** send your child to school if they are unwell and have any symptoms, however mild, of a high temperature, a new and persistent dry cough or have lost their sense of taste or smell. If you are unsure please ring and talk to us. Remember that if someone in the family has symptoms or has tested positive the whole family must isolate for the required time.

Moving around the school site

In order to socially distance and ensure large groups of people are not gathering on the school site we have introduced a staggered pick up system as well as a one way system around the school. We know that these arrangements are not very convenient to all parents but for the good of the whole school community we would ask you to work with us.

Please ensure:

You keep to the timings we have set – remember siblings can come in at the time of the earliest child and be collected at the time of the latest child. We appreciate there will be a little bit of difference based on walking round the site or collection of children from other schools. The idea is that we don't have everyone picking up at the same time and there is a flow of people around the site. Do not come too early.

You follow the one way system- we know that this means you have to walk right round the school but in common with shops and other public buildings we have to ensure that people are distanced. Please respect the system and follow the arrows and signs. We have tried to make it as simple as possible. Imagine the Junior building is a roundabout and you have to move around it in a anti-clockwise direction. We have put up some additional signs to help you.

You socially distance whilst waiting to collect your child – if you have come at the correct time there should not be a very long wait. We know if you are collecting from more than one class you may have a few minutes wait – hopefully the walk around the building will use up some time. We now have signs indicating where you should wait for your child's class on the playground which should space out groups of parents and allow children to reach the area where they will be dismissed.

These are shown on the map on the last page. Please do not take your child until the teacher has said they can go. Please do not stand on the edge of the playground where the path is as you are blocking the flow. Please keep off the grass area on the edge of the playground and keep to the marked paths. Adults may consider wearing face coverings on site.

If you have a child in upper school please consider saying goodbye at the gate on the field or the green gate between the infants and juniors and allowing them to come in on their own. This will reduce the flow of people on the site.

Thank you for your support.

Term time absence

Please remember that absence during term time is not permitted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Whilst I don't expect anyone at the current time will be taking a term time holiday I would like to remind you that this would not be authorised and would be likely to incur a penalty notice and a fine.

If you have received a fine in the past and were to take another holiday the penalty notice would again be issued but this time Hampshire would take it straight to court for prosecution.

Parenting Support

Please see the attachment with the newsletter which details parent support workshops which are available this term. If you want to know more please speak with Jen McIlwaine.

Nearly New Uniform

If you have any good quality second hand school uniform that your child has outgrown then we would be pleased to receive it. Please leave it at the school office. Thank you

Term dates

Half Term 26 – 30 October

Term Ends Friday 18 December

Inset Days

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

Breakfast and After School care

We are very aware in both schools that we are currently unable to offer any support for parents with before or after school care. We are taking note of Government guidelines and looking to see how we can make this happen whilst maintaining our 'Bubbles' in school.

Mrs Beazley at the Infant School and I will be meeting to review the situation once we are sure we have the current systems working in school and will inform you as soon as we have some news.

WANTED – PARENT GOVERNORS

We are looking for 2 parent governors to join our Governing Body.

This is an excellent time to join the team as they are currently looking to appoint a new Headteacher and move the school forward.

The position is not onerous and is very interesting as Governors get to work behind the scenes in the school and make decisions about many aspects of school life.

No expertise is needed and training is offered.

All parents are welcome to apply – it may be a role for a new parent just joining the school or an existing parent looking to become more involved.

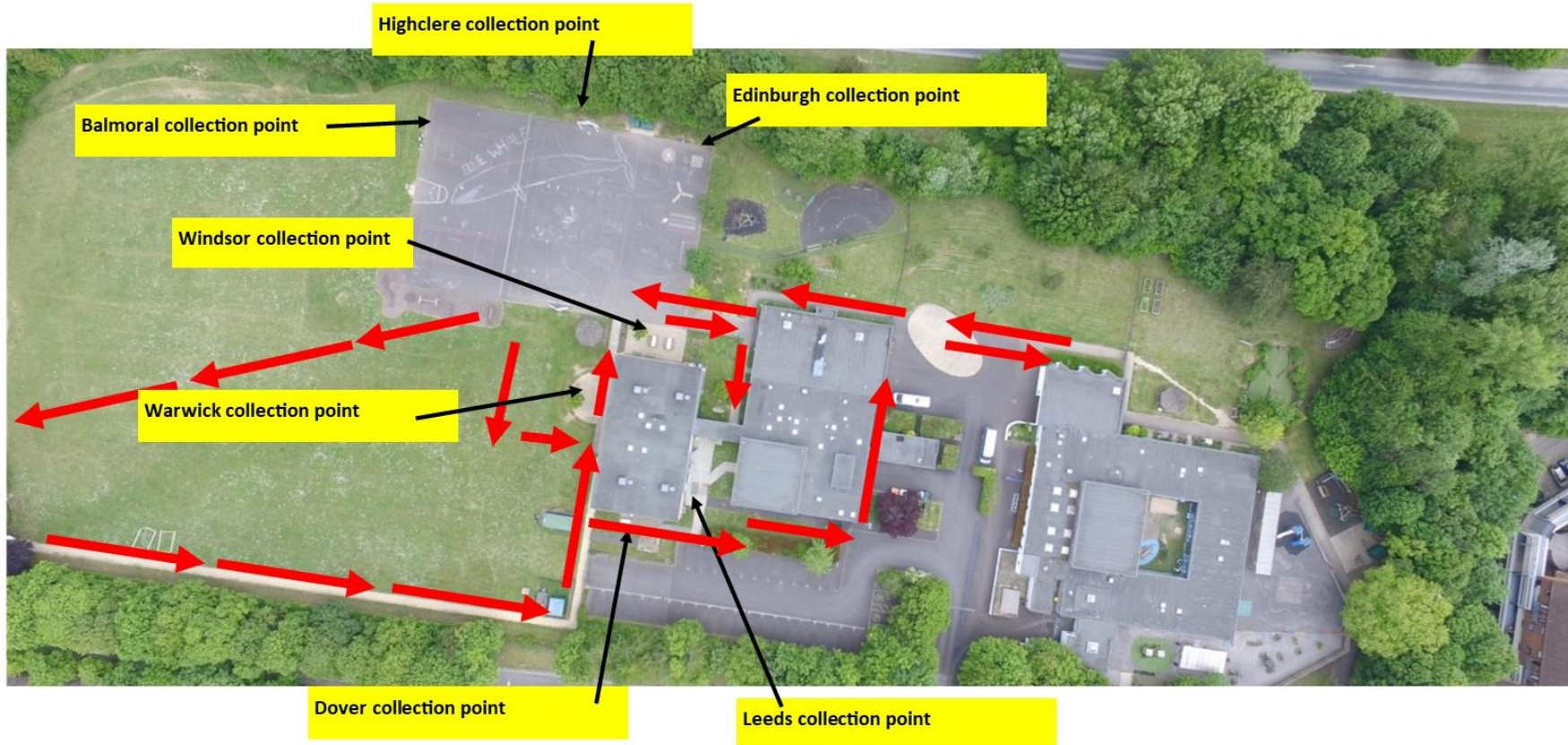
Please come and talk – with no obligation – with Mrs Harvey about the role if you think you might be interested. It is very important to have parent voice and views heard in the running of the school.

We are still looking to have library books returned. We will be sending out reminders again to all children who according to our records still have a book at home. We have checked all our stock and the books are not in school.

If you cannot find the book then we will, I am afraid ask you to pay for it or replace it yourself.

We are sending home today a number of forms for you to complete and return. One is the contact sheet to check we have all the correct details for your child including emergency contact numbers and email addresses. The other concerns going home arrangements. Please will you complete these and return as soon as possible.

Class collection points



Year 3 Parents and children new to the school.

Welcome to our new parents we look forward to working with you. We are still waiting for a number of parents to return forms. We will be sending out a letter with reminders of which forms we are still waiting for.