Thursday 10th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope your sons and daughters are enjoying their first full week back in school. Certainly, they have managed so very well in school so far. They've adapted quickly to good hygiene routines, new play areas, new lunchtime arrangements and been trying their best with their jobs in class. They've been sensible, helpful and shown a great sense of energy and excitement to be back with other people.

Thank you for respecting the need to socially distance on site and the need to leave the site as soon as possible after pick up. This has appeared to be manageable this week and we will continue to monitor it along with all our other measures.

I'm aware that infant children have been asked to take wellies to school. Our field's drainage results in it being unusable at some point during the term depending on water levels in the ground. Children will use the field as long as possible but to ask you to provide wellies may not help for long. If you would like your child to change their shoes (on PE days for example) do send a spare set. Once the field is too wet, we have another playtime plan to move to.

What do I do if my child feels poorly?

I'd like to keep you informed about the situation in school as we continue to learn together. Over the week a few parents have asked for advice regarding whether they can send their child to school. If you are unsure, please call 111 who will be able to give you medical advice including whether to access a test. If your child develops a new cough or high temperature or loss of taste or smell you will be asked to get a test. Please keep your child at home until the test result is known.

If you need medical advice about your symptoms, go to:

England: NHS 111 online coronavirus service

Scotland: NH5 inform

Wales: NHS 111 Wales

 Northern Ireland: get advice from a GP or GP out-ofhours service

<u>Call 999</u> if you feel very unwell or think there's something seriously wrong.

Home Learning Plan

I sincerely hope we will remain fully open for the long term future. I also would like us to be as prepared as possible for any scenario that may present. This may be a year group bubble self-isolating, individual families isolating following a track and trace or local lockdown situation as only a few examples.

The teachers and I have developed our remote learning / home learning plan. It involves significant training for staff and includes ensuring systems are used in school time so that children

have a good level of confidence accessing them at home. In particular, we will be using homework (set on Seesaw) to give everyone at home the opportunity to consider how each person can best manage home learning.

I'll send a copy home via a separate email to keep you informed but please know it is bound to alter as we respond to the situations that we may face.

You'll read that Seesaw is our 'go to platform' to access work, indicate work is complete and receive feedback. Please note you have been sent a new



code which enables the parent to install **Seesaw FAMILY app**. I suggest installing this app on your phone as you will then see any alerts immediately.

Your child's code links to a different app called <u>Seesaw CLASS</u>. All of year 3 have their logon codes at the back of their transition books. Teachers are issuing new codes to everyone else. Please install this on the device your child may use. Please do contact us if you feel that the devices in your home will not support your child/children with home/remote learning at the earliest convenience by email <u>enquiries@brockwell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk</u>. If we contacted you about this in July and your situation has changed, do feel you can update us too.

Teachers do their best to check any work set on Seesaw including web links. We have Derbyshire approved firewalls and monitoring systems in school. If you notice any issue with any online links, please do let us know as soon as possible. We will immediately refer it to our school technician to scrutinise. He will block and inform the relevant site too.

Lunchtime

Please see the lunch menu below. From Monday, if your child would prefer a sandwich, he / she may request one during registration. From next Wednesday 16th, children can request a sandwich or jacket potato during registration. The catering staff are working hard to make sure all classes have dessert and drink options.



Learning

All the classes have been sharing a wonderful book called 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. A series of thoughtful lessons has been produced to use with the book that the classes are appearing to enjoy.



You may be interested to hear Oliver Jeffers talking about the book on this link:

https://www.ted.com/talks/oliver jeffers an ode to living on earth?language=en#t-16674

PFA A huge thank you to the PFA and everyone for purchasing the rainbow furniture outside our nurture area. These extras make a real difference, thank you!

Best wishes, Catherine Holmes