

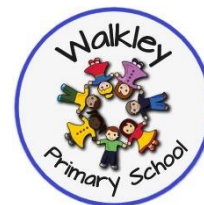
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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID Update: Information for parents: One month in

Parents lining up in the pick-up zones at the end of the school day

Thank you to those parents who are working with the school to line up on the blue lines in their designated zone so that:

- Children can be sent straight to their parents
- Staff views are not obscured by parents who are not in their designated zone.
- Social distancing is not compromised.
- Cross transmission opportunities are reduced.

PE

Thank you for your support in enabling the children to come to school in their PE kits. This has enabled us to follow DFE and Learn Sheffield guidance and helped us to avoid potential issues around changing in classrooms, reducing airborne transmission when changing and mixing up clothes. **The children seem to be enjoying their outdoor lessons and were particularly pleased to see the return of Amy Burton for class dance lessons in Tennyson last week.**

Forest School

It is fabulous to see the pupils arriving in school dressed for their forest school experience and activities and this seems to be adding to the excitement during their time in our Secret Garden.

Year 2 pupils

For this academic year only, we are required to administer a past version of the **phonics screening check** to our Y2 pupils during the second half of the autumn term. Pupils who meet the expected standard won't need to complete any further statutory assessments in phonics - pupils who don't will be expected to take the statutory check in June 2021.

Years 2, 4 and 6 residentials

Unfortunately, DFE and Learn Sheffield have advised that residentials are not to take place for the foreseeable future. This means that our planned residentials for February 2021 cannot happen. We know that pupils in these year groups will be extremely disappointed and if possible to do so we will try to plan some events for these pupils later in the academic year to go some way to making up for the loss of the residential.

Census

School Census Day is **Thursday 1st October**. It would greatly benefit the school if all children in Foundation Stage 2 and Key Stage 1 ordered a Universal Free School Meal on that day as this contributes to the funding received by the school.

Flu vaccination for pupils

Nasal flu vaccinations for pupils will take place on Thursday 10th December. More information to follow over the next few weeks.

Parent Consultation Evenings

As we cannot meet up face to face this year to discuss how your child is settling in and the progress that they are making, we will be providing updates via a ten-minute staff and parent phone call from the weeks beginning the 5th October, 12th October and 19th October. Look out for an email from Walkley confirming the date and time of your phone call. With over 365 phone calls to make, it will be difficult to rearrange times and we hope that you can make your appointment. You will be contacted with your personal information over the next two weeks.

Summary one month in...

Thank you for your continued support. Life has been very challenging for the school as we respond to the needs of our families and the family lives and circumstances of our staff. On occasions we have had a period of days where 8 staff have been unable to work putting considerable pressure on our school delivery and therefore this increases the time needed to respond to any challenges and enquiries, and decreases our capacity to do so. Your acknowledgement that the staff are doing a fabulous job keeps our morale high and we do appreciate the overwhelmingly positive and uplifting emails and comments that come our way on a daily basis.

Kind regards

The Walkley Team