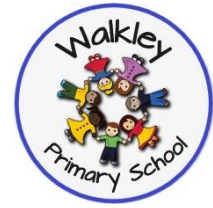


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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID Update: Information for parents

Drop off procedures

Thank you for your cooperation with the use of the one-way system around Tennyson building. Please do your best to arrive on site when the drop off window for your bubble is open. This way you do not need to wait for the classroom doors to open. We understand that for some parents there is the need to wait when drop off times for siblings are wide apart and we ask that you do this in the designated drop off / pick up zones provided indicated by the blue lines.

Children who come to school unaccompanied by a parent should arrive within the drop off window and make their way directly to the classroom door. Children should not be playing on the school grounds before or after school.

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 can make their own way home from school once written permission is received from parents. These children will be released from the designated pick-up zones and must leave the school site directly.

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

It is essential that this happens and that parents line up 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.

Staffing in school

Please be aware, school staff are required to follow the same guidance and procedures as the rest of society with regard track and trace. Therefore, any person with symptoms within a staff member's household has an impact on the member of staff. They must self-isolate until a negative test result is confirmed for the person with symptoms. The consequence of this has seen absence of up to 8 staff at any one time, who are at home isolating until they are allowed to return to work. You can be sure that although stretched, the Walkley team work tirelessly to provide for the children.

Extension of bubbles in Year 6 and Foundation Stage

In these two bubbles of 60 children in a cohort, there are particular challenges around the toilet facilities which makes it almost impossible for them to be in one bubble. Although we have tried every option, the children will become one bubble. They will remain in their classes for staggered start and finish times, lessons, leisure times and will be separated as much as is physically possible for toileting and handwashing. Remember that we have a cleaning team on site during the day, in both Burnaby and Tennyson buildings. The timetable will be updated to reflect that these areas will need additional cleaning time.

School Census Day

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.

Packed Lunches

Please do not send your child to school with any drink other than water. Fruit juices and cordials are not permitted. Please contact enquiries@walkley.sheffield.sch.uk if you have concerns.

PE

As we begin to widen the curriculum, we ask that on the day of your child's PE lessons, they come to school in their PE kits, knowing that initially PE lessons will take place outside whatever the weather (unless conditions are dangerous). This will avoid issues around changing in classrooms and mixing up clothes. **The children will stay in their PE kits all day.**

Class	PE Days	
Seashells	Monday	
Caterpillars	Thursday	
Anansi	Monday	
Giants	Thursday	
Gruffalos	Tuesday	
Storm Whales	Monday	Wednesday
Aslans	Wednesday	Friday
Charlies	Tuesday	Thursday
Fantastic Foxes	Monday	Friday
Varjak Paws	Tuesday	Thursday
Kensukes	Tuesday	Friday
The Potters	Monday	Thursday

We are delighted to announce that Amy Burton from Dazzle Dance will be back to teach dance lessons to our Keystage 2 pupils from Thursday 24th September. These will be conducted on the playground.

Swimming

Year 4 Fantastic Foxes will resume swimming lessons from next Monday 5th October. Further details will be sent to parents directly.

Music lessons: week beginning 28th September

Our Year 2 pupils (recorders) and Year 4 pupils (violins) historically are taught instrumental lessons via the Sheffield Music Hub. Some Year 5 and Year 6 pupils elect to continue their lessons in school via a scheme called Pathways. COVID guidance in line with Learn Sheffield and Sheffield Music Hub states that at present, instrumental lessons cannot take place. However, they have agreed to deliver music lessons virtually to our Year 2 and Year 4 pupils in preparation for when instruments can be used again. Year 3 and Year 5 will access 30 minute singing lessons in line with Government guidance.

Year 2 pupils: Phonics Screening Check

For this academic year only, pupils will be required to sit a past version of the **phonics screening check** 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.

Forest School

Pupils can come to school ready for Forest school on the days their class are to attend. The dates for Forest school are available in the School Newsletter: [click here](#) to find out more.

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, an update about your child will take place via a ten minute staff and parent phone call from the week beginning the 5th October. You will receive more information about how to sign up for your phone meeting shortly.

New school

We are anticipating moving into the new school build on Monday 4th January. The school will need time to move out of our present buildings and time to set up in the new one. Once we have confirmation of the dates we will let you know so that you can make the necessary arrangements.

Kind regards

Val Sian

Headteacher