2nd November 2020

Dear Parent and Carers

Today we welcomed back all our children and it was lovely to see how excited they were to see their class mates and be back in school.

Our school risk assessment has been updated and from today staff will be wearing masks at all times outside of their classrooms unless they are exempt. I believe school is as safe as we can possibly make it and we have spent a lot of time and money making school as Covid safe as we can.

Please support us in keeping school open by monitoring your child carefully and if you suspect they are not well, under the current circumstances, keep them off school until they are well again and if they show Covid symptoms get them tested.

Each child is asked to sanitise their hands as they enter school and they are encouraged to wash their hands throughout the school day. Each classroom has an infrared thermometer and staff and children have their temperatures taken daily and at times if they look unwell. If during the day your child’s temperature reaches 37.8 degrees and remains like this after 15 minutes then you will be called to take them home and get them tested. It is essential you are contactable throughout the school day.

Covid symptoms are:

* A temperature of 37.8 degrees or above
* A dry continuous cough
* No sense of smell or taste

You should get your child or yourself tested if you have one of the above symptoms.

Children will get sore throats, sneezes, runny noses, hayfever and colds at this time of year. We can give Calpol and Piriton if you send it in and sign the form. We are unable to give Ibuprofen.

**PE Kits**

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day. We encourage pupils to keep it in school until the holidays, when it is sent home to be washed. Pupils need a white t-shirt, dark shorts and trainers/pumps. All items must be named.

**Dinners**

This week we are on **Week 1** of the lunch menu. Please send in £2.30 if your child wishes to have a school lunch.

**Camhs Parent Workshop – 5th Nov 9.30am**

On Thursday 5th November, Jayne Allen from Camhs, is holding a parent session on Zoom about children’s mental health and the support she can offer in school. Jayne is our allocated Mental Health Support Worker and visits us once a week to support children displaying mental health concerns.

If you would like to join the session on Thursday at 9.30 please fill in the attached form at the bottom and return it to school. I will send home details for the Zoom meeting before the meeting.

**ADHD Parent Workshop – 10th Nov 10am**

On Tuesday 10th November we are holding an ADHD parent session on Zoom. The aim of the session is for parents to be able to share ideas and discuss issues which ADHD brings both in school and at home. We will talk through how we provide for pupils with ADHD in school and offer support for issues which arise at home. We are hoping this support group will continue and meet regularly.

If you would like to join the session on Tuesday 10th Nov at 10am please fill in the attached form at the bottom and return it to school. I will send home details for the Zoom meeting before the meeting.

**Laptops**

Today we are receiving 17 laptops from the DfE to support children who struggle to access a device at home for home learning. They will be available to loan/borrow from school if your child cannot attend school. An agreement form would need signing to accept you are responsible for looking after it while it is in your home.

If in the case your child has Covid or has to isolate there is an expectation by the Government that your child continues to learn at home and does not fall behind. I am aware that some families do not have access to a laptop so I put a bid in for 17 laptops and we were successful.

Could you fill in the form attached if you would like to loan/borrow a laptop if your child cannot attend school and we will create a list of children who would require one if they cannot attend school.

**Children in Need – Non Uniform Day**

On Friday 13th November is Children in Need so we are having a Non Uniform Day. In return for your child wearing something yellow or spotty we ask that you bring in £1. All money raised will go to Children in Need.

**Dates for the diary**

Mon 2nd Nov Science Week – Whole school

Thur 5th Nov 9.30am Camhs Parent Meeting on Zoom

Tues 10th Nov 10am ADHD Parent Meeting on Zoom

Fri 13th Nov Non Uniform Day – Children in Need £1

Thur 19th Nov 2pm – Parent meeting with Michelle on Zoom

DT Day – Whole School

Fri 20th Nov DT Day – Whole School

Mon 23rd Nov Parent Meetings with your class teacher this week

Mon 7th Dec Science Week – Whole School

Fri 11th Dec Christmas Jumper Day

Mon 14th Dec Christmas around the World Week – Whole school

**Fri 18th Dec** **School finishes at 1.30pm** (transport will pick up at either 1pm or 1.30pm, after lunch)

Please look at our school website at <http://orrets-meadow.eschools.co.uk> for other information on school.

Please follow us on Facebook by searching for Orrets Meadow

Thanks for all your support.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact me.

Mrs Duncan

**Please return the following slips to school**

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Child’s name ………………………………………………..

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Child’s name ………………………………………………..

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**Laptops**

I would like my child to loan/borrow a laptop if they cannot attend school. I understand I will have to look after the laptop and return it when my child returns to school.

Parent Name…………………………………………………

Child’s name ………………………………………………..

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