



19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the winter, we all know that the coming months are likely to be somewhat different, definitely challenging and subject to change!

We are aiming to keep things as normal as possible for the children but it is highly likely that there will be times when your child's attendance at school is disrupted due to symptoms or confirmed cases of Covid either in your family / household or at school. To ensure that your child is able to continue with their education during these times I have added two new sections to the school website.

The first is titled '**Kids Zone**' and can be found under the 'Pupils' section.



Here you will find all of the links to the websites which your child has log in details for and a few extras we have found which are worth a look as they are fun as well as educational. Your child can access these at any time and will support their learning if they do this regularly.

The second new section is called '**Home Learning**'. Here you will find details of how we will continue to provide an education for your child during absence due to Covid or bubble / school closure. This is also where I will put useful guidance documents related to the pandemic.

If you still haven't already done so, **please make sure you have working access to the Class Dojo app** as this is:

- our main communication tool to share information, message parents and teachers, and give reminders about events happening in school,
- a great way to find out what your child is doing in class and how many reward points they have earned,
- where most of our homework is, avoiding the unnecessary movement of books and paper between home and school,
- currently the easiest and fastest way of school informing you of bubble / school closure,
- the easiest way for you to notify school of a confirmed Covid case in your household (evenings / weekends), and
- it is where home learning will take place in the event of bubble / school closure.

**If you need any help with accessing or setting up Class Dojo, please see Mrs Page as soon as possible or watch the tutorials on <https://www.youtube.com/c/classdojo/videos>**

As there is now much more reliance on using technology and the internet **I would appreciate it if you could all complete and return the attached survey**. This will help us when making decisions about how to continue home learning, if needed.

## **End of Term**

School breaks up for the half term holidays on Friday and we will return on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

We have made the decision this year not to dress up for Halloween. Unfortunately, when we considered all of the different parts of the costumes we would have to ask you to keep at home due to trying to minimise what comes in and out of school e.g. masks, trick or treat buckets, werewolf gloves etc we felt there would be little left. We will still have some fun within our bubbles though on Friday.

Also on Friday the children will have the chance to either swap the dojo points they have earned this half term for a treat at the Dojo Shop or carry them forward until next time when they can exchange them for a treat with a higher value.

## **British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Poppies and various items with poppies on them will be available after the half term. I will put details on Dojo nearer the time.



## **Dates for the Diary**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - Flu Vaccinations

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Photographer in school – individual and siblings within school only

*Thank you.*