

# Fleggburgh C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Where did that time go? Clearly time **does** fly when you are enjoying yourself! I do hope you have all had the opportunity for some relaxation and family fun over the summer.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school and are excited to meet our reception children and other new pupils who will be joining us this term. Staff have been busy and they, and the classrooms, are ready and waiting to kick start the new term.

We continue to have control measures in place to minimise the risk of Covid transmission. These involve: good ventilation, enhanced cleaning, hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and awareness of social distance. We will continue to maximise use of the outdoors. Staff will be advised and encouraged to carry out a lateral flow test twice a week. Please do not send your child to school if they are showing COVID symptoms. Children or staff who do have COVID symptoms will be advised to take a PCR test and only return to school if that test is negative. Children and staff who test positive on a PCR will be expected to self isolate in line with government guidance.

As you will be aware, the government guidance for schools has changed. The following link takes you to a government document titled, 'What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges.'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

The changes to the guidance around self isolation do make us feel somewhat nervous. This is an extract from the guidance:

*... Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:*

- *they are fully vaccinated*
- *they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months*
- *they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial*
- *they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons*

*Instead, NHS Test and Trace will inform affected individuals, children or their parents or carers that they have been in close contact with a positive case, and advise them to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so....*

I appeal to you to do what you can to keep the virus out of school so that our school community continues to thrive and the education we provide is not adversely impacted by staff absence. If children are required to self isolate, remote learning activities will be provided by their teacher.

Your class teacher will be sending you information specific to your child's class. Please take a regular look at the website too. Here is some general information, however, which may help you feel fully prepared for the start of term:

#### Drop-off and pick up

Please use the usual village hall playing field gate. The children will be collected at 8.55am and will be dropped off back at the gate at 3.15pm for collection.

Can I please urge you not to arrive too early.

Staff will be on the gates punctually to bring children in quickly

Please say a quick goodbye at the gate so that we can get children in as quickly as we can.

Please use the village hall car park and walk down the village hall path.

Please do not park in front of the school.

#### Uniform

Children are expected to be in the correct full school uniform and PE kit.

Uniform marked \* below are ordered through Brigade (<http://www.brigade.uk.com>) they provide the school's uniform colours and come complete with the federation's logo.

#### Day Uniform

A yellow polo shirt \*

A royal blue sweatshirt\*

A royal blue cardigan \*

A royal blue or navy fleece (optional) \*

Navy, grey or black trousers / skirt

Blue or yellow check dress for the summer (optional)

Practical, safe footwear

Book bag \*

#### PE Uniform

A yellow round-necked school t shirt \*

Navy or black shorts

Trainers

Warm black/blue tracksuit for winter

Football boots / spare trainers for older children

Waterproof jacket/coat

All items of school uniform and PE kit **must be named**.

Jewellery is not permitted in school apart from:

- A practical wristwatch – for children who can tell the time
- Small, plain ear studs – for children with pierced ears (these must be removed for PE)

### Lunches and snack

You will not have to pay for school dinners until your child is in Year 3.

Using our Parents App you can pay for school meals, events and clubs. Minimum payment £10.

### Understanding the Pupil Asset Parent App

If it is your first time using the app, tap *First Login/Forgot Password*, then enter the email address that the school has on record for you. When you tap *Submit*, we will send you an email which will allow you to set your password. You need to inform your school if your email address has changed.

You will be asked to set a four digit PIN before you login.

The home screen of the app will show any pupils on Pupil Asset where your email address has been given online access.

Please note that we are a nut free school and that packed lunches must not contain any nut ingredients.

Children may bring in a piece of fruit for morning snack if they wish to. Fruit is available in Emerald Class daily.

Please send your child with a named water bottle. These will be sent home every day to be refilled with water for the next day.

### Equipment

Children should still only bring in what is essential. All stationery equipment will be provided in the class for them.

The first two weeks will focus on settling and integrating children back into school routines and relationships. Our core values for this term are respect and responsibility.

I will continue to review our practice to ensure we are keeping our children safe, healthy and happy in the current climate. I can guarantee you will be amazed at the progress your child makes in the capable hands of our teaching and support teams.

Exciting times!

Enjoy the weekend and we will see you next week.

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