12th June, 2020

RRSA article for June is article 12: ‘the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.’

School value for this half term is Respect.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have welcomed our Year 6 pupils back to school this week. We hope they have enjoyed their time. The number of pupils returning have been manageable so far and so we have been able to follow the specific safety measures in school during the day, including regular hand washing and staggered breaks, alongside our key worker children. This group is steadily increasing as anticipated and so it has been reassuring that with current numbers expected to return so far, we are able to keep the children and staff safe in the best way we can. Polite reminder - Monday 15th June is the deadline to have requested a place with a return date for your child in Reception and Year 6.

Next week, we see the gradual return of our Reception class children. Please see the blog page and website for a virtual tour which you can share and talk about at home with your child. We hope it helps to ease any worries or anxiety about returning to school. If your Reception child is returning to school next week, please let us know if s/he will be bringing a packed lunch from home, or whether they require a Grab & Go sandwich option from our School Kitchen.

We have now been informed by the government that it is not possible under their current guidance for all pupils to return to school before the end of this term (years 2, 3, 4 and 5). Therefore, class teachers have made a short recording to send a message out to their children who they will not be teaching again this academic year. We will be posting these shortly on the website and their class blog pages.

Year 6 parents will be pleased to know that the leavers hoodies order has already been processed and so the children will receive these in due course. We will contact you with arrangements for collection later on in the term.

Finally, there have been some updates and additions to policies which reflect Covid-19 adaptations to school practice. Please see the website for these addendums. There is also a new Bereavement policy and Infection Control policy.

Have a great weekend.
Keep safe and well.

Ms McGrath

Notices and updates

Recreate a book cover challenge
Thanks to everyone who has taken part in the book cover challenge, they are brilliant and very creative! I'm excited to put them up on display at school and share via the blog.
Ms Ali

Bags2School – Woodthorpe Friends
Please use your own bin bags and leave them on Rakhi and Rob’s driveway on Wednesday 1st July:
91 All Saints Road
B14 7LN
Thank you.

Car Free School Streets
Woodthorpe has been selected to take forward as part of Birmingham City Council's 2nd pilot scheme. If possible, this may be implemented from September 2020* onwards (*subject to change dependent on current situation). Together we are excited to improve the safety of our children’s journey to school.
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Safeguarding

Any relevant safeguarding and welfare information held on all children must remain accurate. Please let a DSL know of any changes regarding welfare, health and wellbeing that we should be aware of before your child returns;

Mental health support

Kooth – a free online mental health support service for all 11 – 25 year olds in Birmingham, and can be accessed here: www.kooth.com - for more information https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/3481/online_mental_health_support

If you would like to discuss Kooth further, please contact Maxine Tomlinson, Improvement and Transformation Manager, Birmingham Children’s Partnership on 07502 908790 or via email at: Maxine.tomlinson2@nhs.net.

NSPCC:

Help and support

There are organisations and local charities who offer bereavement support:

Childline:
https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/feelings-emotions/when-someone-dies/

Childline’s provides online tools that children and young people may find helpful:

- Calm Zone - activities to let go of stress
- games to take your mind off things
- information and advice on topics from feelings, relationships, family and schools
- peer support message boards
- Childline Kids, our website for under 12s.

Beyond the Horizon
Website: www.beyondthehorizon.org.uk/
Tel: 0121 444 5454
During Covid19 Lockdown contact:
07906 621 345
or email admin@beyondthehorizon.org.uk

Edward’s Trust
Email: admin@edwardstrust.org.uk

Malachi
Website: www.malachi.org.uk/
Tel: 0121 441 4556
Email: enquires@malachi.org.uk

Other useful links:
https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/friends-relationships-sex/friends/friendships/#goodbye
School Uniform for September 2020

Parents can now set up an online account with Clive Mark Via our website, It’s a simple process to register and will make shopping online more efficient. We really do stress this will help immensely this year and help maintain social distancing measures so stores do not come under pressure. We would also like to stress that parents should not leave purchasing uniform to the last minute this year as this will be a huge challenge in the current climate.

Parents and Carers who want to shop online can get 15% off discount by applying this code NI2020 (New Intake only, please)

We have launched a voucher scheme with “Saving Local” enabling parents/carers to buy vouchers when they can afford to do so and help spread the cost of payment in this manner. Please see Clive Mark Website for details (clivemark.co.uk)

We are also looking to introduce a split payment system to help parents spread the cost of payment, this is a work in progress as the software must be compatible with our tills.

Parents/carers will be able to book appointments with our online service ensuring they have a time slot attending to their particular needs, Visit clivemark.co.uk

We will extend the period where products can be exchanged up to 2 months from date of purchase.

Our Business will re-open fully across all sales streams from the 18th June.

Camp Hill Admissions
The application window for the Entrance Test for the Grammar Schools in Birmingham is open. As a primary school in the priority catchment for King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys and King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls, we must remind our parents/guardians of the necessity of applying for the Entrance Test in order to have a chance of attending one of these two schools.

At Camp Hill Boys, they are delighted to be welcoming children into Year 7 from over 40 of the local authority primary schools in our catchment area. This has included one student from Woodthorpe school.

Message below from Giles Hill
Assistant Headteacher - Widening Access

“We hope to encourage as many students as possible to apply for the Entrance Test which is taking part on 12 September in accord with current plans. It is vital to note that application for the Entrance Test needs to be completed online by 4pm on Friday 26 June. If a student has specific needs in order to access the test paper, these applications need to be completed by 17 June.

Once the online application has been made, children can access further materials about how the test is run and the types of questions they will see. For those registering with Pupil Premium, they will be provided with detailed online familiarisation materials, including practice tests.”

A poster which summarises the application process for parents and a map of the catchments for both Camp Hill Boys and Camp Hill Girls is available on the Year 5 blog site.