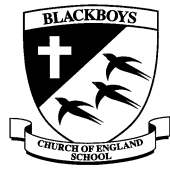


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04th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas Break and I would like to pass on best wishes for the New Year from everyone here at Blackboys School. We are also looking forward to a productive 2021.

Staffing

We are looking forward to welcoming pupils back to school tomorrow. We will also be welcoming a new member of staff as Mrs Samantha Riley joins us as our new Midday Supervisory Assistant.

However, the term will start without Miss Mayhew, Miss Pavitt and Mrs Vance. Miss Mayhew is currently self-isolating after contracting Covid-19 over the Christmas break and will return on Monday 11th January. She has very mild symptoms and is in good spirits. Under 'trace and track' advice Miss Pavitt is self-isolating having potentially come into contact with a positive case. Miss Pavitt will return on Monday 11th January. Mrs Vance has resumed shielding. I am sure the whole school community will join me in wishing them well. I will cover teaching responsibilities in Class 4 until Miss Mayhew's return.

C19 Expected Protocol

With our area now in Tier 4, I would like parents/carers to reacquaint themselves with our school safety guidelines which can be accessed via the information tab on the school website. It is also important for the safety of our school community to stick to all of the Tier 4 restrictions.

One of the key tactics in keeping the school community as safe as possible is self-checking against symptoms and then self-isolating and testing. The 3 main symptoms often stated are: a new, continuous cough and/ or a high temperature and/or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste (anosmia). However other symptoms are also reported and parents/carers should keep a look out for any perceived changes in their child's health. If you are in any way concerned with your health or your child's health, please keep your child home and seek a test. Please keep the school updated as time progresses.

In Assembly tomorrow, we will once again re-iterate to all our pupils the importance of good hand hygiene, the use of tissues and of keeping sensible distances, particularly in the school corridors. Please remember that children are very welcome to bring in hand sanitiser for personal use, as long as they are aware of how to use it properly. We are continuing to expect parents to wear face coverings on entry to school. We also ask parents of older children, who wait outside the school gates, to ensure they are social distancing please. It is really important that parents do not congregate in groups around the gate and in School Lane and that they move off promptly after they have met their children. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Breakfast & After School Club

To help limit contacts further we will need to make some key changes to clubs. Children are only to be sent to Breakfast Club or After School Club if it is entirely necessary. Breakfast or After School Club are not to be used as an opportunity to provide "play date" time or as a life-style choice. 15 places will be available in each club, each day for parents who have no other child care options. It continues to be vital that children are booked into both of these clubs at least 24 hours before needed, using the email address; bcandasc@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk please note that term by term booking requests will need to be made at the beginning of each term and do not automatically 'roll over'. In Miss Pavitt's absence during this first week, Breakfast Club will be covered by Miss Butler.

There will also be a stricter number limit and/or rota basis for after school and lunchtime sports clubs.

Restriction of entry into School

We will be further restricting visitors into the school. Parents who need to speak to a teacher must arrange for a phone call or a zoom call rather than a face-to-face meeting. Should you need to speak with the School Office please email office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk or call 01825 890 423. The yellow box will once again be placed at the main gates at drop off/collection time which can be used for slips or communication with the School Office also.

Please remember that the kitchen will no longer be accepting cash for payments of School lunches.

For this new period of time we are also stipulating that Parent helpers/volunteers who come into read with children refrain from doing so. If you would like to assist with Class 1 or Class 4 Forest School, please contact the School Office.

We hope to send out our traditional club letter towards the end of the week.

All measures we put in place at Blackboys School are designed to keep children, staff and parents as safe as possible. We expect everyone to adhere to these measures, both in and out of school, and to follow the Governments Tier 4 guidelines, so that we can keep our classes open for as long as possible.

Term 3 and 4 are usually terms where children make massive progress in their learning and we want this to continue.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact their classteacher. Any questions about Covid-19 guidelines, please contact me via the school office in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Sullivan
Headteacher