

Headteacher: Mr D Childs

25th September 2020

Dear Parents,

It appears as if autumn is drawing in and the summer seems like a distant memory. Despite the plunging temperatures, the kindness and warmth around the school at the moment is just incredible. As a community, we are all responsible for creating this so the team and I would like to thank you all for the outstanding way you continue to support our school, especially with our ongoing efforts during this challenging time.

Vacancy

We currently have two vacancies to join our midday supervisor team. One position is for 5 days per week and the other is for 3 days per week. If you would be interested in this position, please feel free to contact us or visit <https://www.kent-teach.com> to find out more.

Covid19 - Safety Update

We are very much aware of the growing concerns regarding the rate of infections. This week, the government have launched the NHS Covid-19 app. This can be used to check in to places that you visit using a QR code. We are currently asking any visitors to the school building to sign in using the app. Should there be any other changes in guidelines that significantly impact on our school, we will inform you in due course.

Attendance

It has been wonderful to see so many children attending school over the past few weeks. Our attendance remains at a relatively high level compared to the national landscape. We all know the importance of the children attending school as much as possible as children with a higher attendance make more progress in their learning and achieve better than those with a lower level of attendance.

Communication

On Wednesday evening, we held our second parent workshop of the year on home-school communication. At Ryarsh, we pride ourselves on the relationships we have with parents and know the impact that high levels of parental engagement has on a child's success. During the workshop, we spoke about the current barriers around communication and identified ways to strengthen our communication further. Our next parent workshop will be in a couple of weeks and will focus on supporting reading at home.

We would like to let you all know that we are continuing with the use of the Google Classroom pages. Teachers are using the page for a number of reasons such as informal reminders and copies of the home learning. You will also notice that daily folders may appear with resources inside. These are to support any children that cannot come into school due to self-isolation. To this point, you may wish to turn your Google Classroom notifications back on if you had turned them off over the summer term.

Remote Learning

Over the past few weeks the teachers and governors have agreed our approach to remote learning in the event that children are not able to come to school. We have planned for various scenarios to outline what we would do in the following situations:

- Individual child not able to come to school
- Groups of children not able to come to school

You will find more information about our remote learning approach in the remote learning plan attached.

A key part of remote learning is to make sure that all children can access an electronic device. Could you please fill in the following Google form to let us know if you are able to access an electronic device, as we intend to try and support our families that do not have access to an electronic device.

<https://forms.gle/4C3NBZd5Ktjpsiqz5>

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Childs and the rest of the team at Ryarsh Primary School