



CREST INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

25th September 2020

Protect yourselves and your families...

Social distancing must be maintained at all times both outside and within the school site



Dear Parents & Carers,

Our new Reception & Nursery children are settling in really well – you would think they had been here for years! The children have all had a fantastic week with lots of exciting learning activities to enjoy and they are also having fun with their friends. However, we are doing our best to keep them in consistent groups ('bubbles') in line with the government guidance. I again outline our approach to this:

School organisation

Separate 'Bubble' groups:

Nursery morning class
Nursery afternoon class
Reception
Year 1
Polar Bears
Dolphins
Stingrays

The Reception children are organised as a year group 'bubble' as are Year 1 (although Year 1 children are in their class groups for most things).

The reason for these two year groups being organised in this way is as because our building space enables an EYFS set up. With our current Year 1 children having missed half of their Reception year, we need to ensure we have given them all the experiences they missed in school. These experiences are the foundations for learning in the future. Please rest assured however that our Year 1 team are very clever and are mixing both the Reception and Year 1 curriculums so every child will be taught what they need to learn.

Communication at the gate

Please use the year group email address for any information you might need to speak to the class teacher about. If this is an urgent matter you can call the school office and a message will be passed on.

We cannot continue to have conversations at the gate for everyone's safety as this is causing a backlog with our staggered system and impacting on social distancing.

Please drop or collect your child and keep moving through the site – again this is for everyone's safety as the virus is still highly active. We cannot afford complacency.

Do not take offence when staff therefore direct you to use the relevant email address or to call the office. We appreciate your support with this.

Coronavirus testing

Whilst we sincerely hope this doesn't happen, should you receive a positive coronavirus test result you need to inform the school as soon as possible. If you get a result outside of school hours, please send an email to the office@crestinf.medway.sch.uk so any arrangements which need to be made affecting staff and other children can be made quickly. In the event of a positive case in school we have to follow external advice i.e. from Public Health England. In the event of a test result coming back negative please let us know and your child can return to school if well. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Shields



UNIFORM

All items of uniform must be named (including ties, as we have so many children missing one!). As the weather is becoming colder, please send your child in with a **coat** and sensible school shoes as they will go outside unless the weather is extreme. Thank you.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 2020

Thank you for helping us to support this amazing charity. If you still want to donate, please do this on Parentmail.

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

This is a difficult call to make at the moment and with the cold and flu season approaching more children will be coming down with a cold. Lou, our Home School Support Worker, would like to draw your attention to the following website which might help you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

AND FINALLY...

AN ADDITION TO FOREST SCHOOL

As we have to keep the children in their 'bubble' groups we have had to have a think about how the children can access a toilet quickly in an emergency if they are up in the Forest School area. Previously they would have used a YR classroom and we can't at the moment.

Here is our solution - we really are getting into the Forest School spirit now!



(The children are only allowed to go into the toilet tent one at a time so please excuse Mrs Jones & Mrs Webb sharing!)

We hope you like our new facilities 😊