



Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School

Message from the Acting Headteachers

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Welcome back everybody. Obviously, before we broke up for half term, we were not aware that there would be a second lock down. So we thought it important to write to you to let you know how we plan to operate and some changes we will need to implement.

In essence the same protective measure we already have in place when the children are in school will remain in place. We will continue to encourage hand washing and maintaining the integrity of class bubbles. We are asking anyone coming onto the school grounds or premises to wear a face mask and we will continue to assess the risk and make any adaptations necessary in light of government, DFE and PHE advice.

Unfortunately, we do have a number of staff who are classified as Extremely Clinically Vulnerable. These members of staff will have to work from home. This will mean that some classes may not have their regular teacher during this 2nd lockdown. We will do everything we can to preserve continuity of teaching and learning for your children.

Under normal circumstances we would be wanting to get parents into school and have staff, children and parents working together for the benefit of our school. Unfortunately, at this time it is simply not possible, but we look forward to the day when we can have whole school events and you can see for yourselves how hard the staff have been working to improve the learning environment despite the fact we have to have our children sitting in rows!

The children across the school have contributed to a stunning display of Van Gogh's Starry Night. New Carpets have been laid in our Year 6 classrooms and a new interactive white board has been installed in one of our Year 3/4 classes. We would love some help sorting out our Reception and Pre-School garden and outdoor learning spaces, but until lockdown is over, we will have to be patient.

We are currently looking at our curriculum content at FHPS and one of the things we need to do is develop a local history study as part of the national curriculum for History. We would like to find out about the History of Fenstanton and Hilton and would love to collect any photographs, pictures, stories, anecdotes or information that you think might be of interest to the children and to help us in developing this unit of work.

Teachers will be sending out their Half-Termly Newsletters later today, so please look out for them.

Children in Need:

We will be celebrating Children in Need on **Friday 13th November** (not 15th as stated in the letter yesterday, apologies for any confusion) albeit in a different way to usual.

School Photographs

If you ordered school photographs to be delivered to school, they will be coming home with your child/ren today (Friday).

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Parking and The Fen

Please remember to use the church carpark and to not use The Fen to drive down. We know it is tempting when it is raining but it places children and parents in danger and upsets our neighbours. Please avoid parking on School Lane/Honey Hill also as it creates too much congestion for all.

When it is raining in the morning, at the start of the school day, we will be allowing children to go straight into their classes so they don't have to stand in the playground getting wet.

Thank you for your feedback and support in implementing the changes to the school day this week. This appears to be working well now. To keep everyone safe, please can Reception Parents be mindful and give way to the 'Hilton Bus Children' as they arrive at school and as Reception parents leave the site at the main gate. Please make sure you have a face mask and maintain your distance from other parents when coming onto the playground to collect and or drop off your children.

Events happening over the coming weeks:

Friday, 4th Dec – Bikeability Level 1 years 3/4

Monday, 7th Dec – Flu Immunisations

Spring Term Starts: 5th Jan
Half Term: 15th-19th Feb
Spring Term Ends: 26th March

Summer Term Starts: 12th Apr

May Day: 3rd May (school closed)

Half Term: 31st May-4th June

Summer Term Ends: 16th July

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