

A message from the Headteachers:

Thank you to the children, staff, parents and wider community who have made us feel so welcome.

We did say that we would produce this newsletter fortnightly, but we also appreciate how the re-opening of schools and recent news reports are causing parents' concerns.

We have already implemented a few changes at the school in light of recent guidance and need to ask parents to adopt some safer practices too.

Fen gate Entrance:

We are part of a community and the Fen gate is on a private road. In the coming weeks, the Fen road will be having major works and will be closed or having increased works traffic.

We have opened the Fen Gate to enable our children to access the building safely and maintain social distancing. The residents understand and appreciate the necessity of this. However, we ask all parents to use the path and not walk along the road when accessing the Fen gate and to not walk or wait on residents' lawns and gardens. We would also like to remind parents that The Fen is a Bridleway, unauthorised driving or parking on it would be breaking the law under "Road Traffic Act 1988".

Fen gate Playground:

The latest government guidance has changed. 6 is the magic number. However, we have had to open the Fen gate

and allow parents to wait on the playground to release pressure at the front of the school.

There are specific zones allocated in the playground for parents to wait. Please maintain at least a distance of 1 meter from each other and where possible wear a face mask.

Pick up and Collection from school:

We do not ask children to wear facemasks in school but, given the recent changes in guidance we feel that asking adults coming onto the school playground and waiting to drop off and collect their children to wear a face mask for their own health and safety is a sensible precaution. This is advice only, but we feel sensible advice.

We will continue to review the current arrangements and will notify parents of any planned changes before half term.

Parking:

If you do need to drive to school, please park in the public car park by the church and not on the public roads or the Fen road.

The Hilton Bus

Mrs Dalton had the pleasure of going on the Hilton bus to collect the children and bring them to school this week.

The children were fantastic, they knew where to sit, stayed in their assigned groups and their behaviour was exemplary.

Google Classroom

We will continue to use google classroom to provide work for children who have to self-isolate. We will be sending out further information about this next week.

For Year 1 parents, we will be sharing information about how google classroom works, and a simple guide to using our online school.

Behaviour

We have made a few changes to the behaviour policy at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School.

Rather than rules, and "Do's and Don'ts" we have introduced 3 rights:

- The right to learn
- The right to be treated with respect
- The right to be safe physically and emotionally

These rights do not just apply to children. They apply to all members of our community.

Once we have finalised the changes, we will be sharing a new behaviour policy with you.

We have been impressed by how well the children have responded to this new approach. There have been positive discussions with children about what it means to have rights and the responsibilities that come with those rights.

We have also updated the house-point system ensuring that children are recognised for their work and effort at school.

Contacting teachers

As a result of the current measures that we are having to implement as a result of Covid-19, we recognize that teachers are not going to be able to have the same level of contact with parents during drop-off and pick-up. We are really keen to keep the channels of communication open to work in partnership with you, so if you do need to discuss anything with your child's teacher, please email the school office and your message will be passed on. Your child's class teacher will get in touch with you via telephone or email.

[Going up to Secondary School events - applying for Year 7 – Message from Cambridge County Council ...](#)

Due to the pandemic we are unfortunately not able to run the 'Going up to Secondary School' events that we usually put on in the autumn term. These provide information to parents who are making a Year 7 application for their child to go to secondary school the following year.

We normally arrange sessions across the county and invite parents of children in Year 6 to come along to hear about the admissions process and how they can support their child with the transition. As well as the Year 6s we also include parents who have a child in Year 5 with an EHCP. The process of selecting a secondary school starts sooner for these children so this gives them the chance to get some

early information on the application process.

As we are unable to hold the usual face to face events this year we are working on providing some online alternative resources. As soon as they are available I will be in touch again to ask if you can let the relevant parents in your school know where they can be found. In the meantime any parent who needs help with making their secondary school application can still contact us by phone or email in the usual way. Details can be found on the admissions pages of our website - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/support-with-choosing-a-school>

Attendance

Reporting pupil medical absence:

In line with the national guidance we will be requesting some further information from you when you ring into the school office to report a medical absence. The office staff will ask the following questions:

Does your child or anyone in your family display symptoms of Coronavirus?

If yes, have you booked a test?

What happens next? Negative test result?

Where the child, young person tests negative, they can return to school and members of their household/support bubble can end their period of self-isolation.

Positive test result.

Where the child tests positive they will need to isolate for 10 days, their household members are advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

Please provide proof of the results of the test to the school office.

All children will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. To book a test, <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test-or-phone-119>.

In the meantime, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the steps that we can all take to minimise the risk of spreading infection. These simple measures are:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel, if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- continue to social distance from other families

Thank you for your continued support in keeping us all safe.

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Nursery

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Clubs/Activities

Over & In Clubs start w/c 28th September.

Monday

Multisport 3.15-4.15pm Y1&2

Tuesday

Football 3.15-4.15pm Y1&2

Wednesday

Football 3.05-4.05pm Y3&4

Thursday

Football 3-4pm Y5&6

Book direct at www.overandin.com/football

**Queries/Questions:
coaching@overandin.com**

Guitar:

Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory, may have some available slots for the forthcoming school term. If your child is interested in learning the guitar, please contact Mr Cory via email at jimmypagefans@hotmail.com with your child's name, parent/guardian name, school name, class teacher's name, and lesson duration requirements

(15min - £8.25 per session or 30min - £16.50 per session) & mobile phone number. Please note that if you have already joined a waiting list, then your child will be the first to be offered lessons, and that these lessons are available to children aged 7 and above.

**Half Term: 26th-30th Oct
Autumn Term Ends: 18th Dec
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**

**School Photos: 7th October
(no sibling photos)**

Flu Immunisations: 7th December (more info to follow)

Term Dates: