



Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Parent's Evenings

As you would expect, we are unable to host "face to face" Parent's Evenings this term, but would like to offer parents a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher. As we have a restricted number of telephone lines available, telephone consultations will need to take place over the course of several weeks. This call will be an opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled into school and to discuss any concerns about your child's learning.

To book an appointment slot on **either** of the two dates, please complete the form on Parentmail by **Wednesday 30th September** and provide the number on which you would like to be called along with your time. We will endeavour to make the call at your preferred time.

Teachers will be able to talk to you for around 10 minutes. If you have specific concerns or wish to ask specific questions, please email the teacher at the class email address to enable teachers to prepare responses and answer queries, during the telephone conversation time. Please email at least two days before the appointment.

Autumn Term Parent's Telephone Evenings		
Year group	3:45-6:30pm	3:45-6:30pm
EYFS	Monday 5 th October	Monday 19 th October
YR1	Tuesday 6 th October	Tuesday 20 th October
Yr2	Thursday 8 th October	Wednesday 21 st October
Yr3	Monday 12 th October	Thursday 22 nd October
Yr4	Tuesday 13 th October	Monday 2 nd November
Yr5	Tuesday 3 rd November	Thursday 5 th November
Yr6	Thursday 15 th October	Wednesday 4 th November

Communications

As you know, we cannot take messages at the door, but request that other than in the case of an emergency all messages are sent to the class email address and not the school office.

It appears that the school office email address is being used heavily as a "**childcare pick up hot line**". The school office are too busy to continually be communicating across the school, disrupting learning and broadcasting walkie- talkie messages for this to continue.

We have set up class email address for parents to email teachers directly, should you need to get a message to your child's class teacher. Please use this and pass on any information by 8:30am in the morning after which time, teachers will then be busy getting on with the day and teaching children.

PLEASE, PLEASE make sure your child knows whom they are going home with at the end of the day.

Snack Bars

Once again, we are reminding parents that we have children in school with severe nut allergies and therefore cannot allow children to bring in snack bars or products containing nuts. Children can have an allergic reaction to air borne particles and therefore **we cannot allow ANY products in school containing nuts.** I have been informed that several children in Yr3 are bring snacks bars with nuts; please avoid this at all costs.

Late Collections from School

If parents / carers are late for picking up at the end of the day, we have a designated collection point for children under the canopy in the area of picnic benches, by the big red gate. Children will be taken to this area and supervised by staff until they are collected.

Clearly in the case of an emergency, please call the school office.

Appointments within school time

In my last newsletter, I requested parents support to co-ordinate children arriving late or being picked up for appointments that have to be taken during the school day.

WE CANNOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO ENTER OR LEAVE VIA THE MAIN OFFICE AND BE ESCORTED AROUND SCHOOL.

Our bubble system allows for children and staff working within an area to all enter and leave the building by the same door. Our bubble system does not allow children or staff to walk through areas that are not designated to them. To avoid Teachers and Teaching Assistants being taken away from the work they are doing, and the disruption to learning that this causes when children arrive or leave during sessions, the School requests that parents and carers co-ordinate dropping off and picking up at **LUNCHTIMES**. Children can then leave or be re-admitted back into school at that time. Please contact the office and staff will direct you to the most appropriate gate for drop off/collection. Teaching staff will then meet parents at the either of the two red gates.

As we have an extended staggered lunchtime, collection and dropping off times are at 12:45pm for children in EYFS and KS1, and 1:15pm for children in KS2.

If your child has an appointment during the school day we would be grateful if collection and dropping off back into school coincided with these times.

Social distancing - Wearing Mask on school site.

Whilst I very much appreciate that some of the directives about keeping safe we hear can be contradictory, I very much now, call for your support about additional expectations of parents and carers on school site at the beginning and end of the day.

At a time when additional control measures have been announced and the news continues to broadcast increases and spikes in the number of confirmed cases, can I please remind you all of the need to maintain the appropriate distance from each other when on school site.

The playground is not a meeting place for chats, catch up with friends or family. Please drop off /collect your child and leave the school site promptly.

Those parents/ carers using the Yr3/4 door are aware of the colour group system in place to stagger the leaving times of pupils to avoid a large crowd gathering at the front of school. As children are brought out, please disperse immediately, avoid stopping for a chat or waiting for others and keep to the left. Whilst in the past, picking up children from school may have been a family outing, please consider it now as an essential task for one adult to carry out. The Yr3/4 area is especially congested and your ongoing consideration to social distancing is very much appreciated. The wearing of a face covering will help all adults to feel safer at this time.

As you know, staff do not wear masks as children need to see our faces, be reassured by our smiles and facial gestures and hear what we are saying.

In order for staff to continue to feel safe at work, I am requesting that **all personnel** age 12+, entering the playground to collect or drop off a child at the beginning or end of the day, please wear a face covering.

Whilst the Government, quite rightly prioritises children's education, other sectors once again have been encouraged to work from home. This gesture of goodwill by the school community towards this additional precautionary measure would be supportive at this time.

I thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Ashford
Head Teacher

Things to Remember.....

- For those in Year 6, do not forget to complete your application for High School – these need to be completed by **31st October**.
- Do not forget to register your option for the **Flu Immunisation**, which is taking place in school on 1st December. You should register whether you wish your child to take part or not at: <https://tinyurl.com/ybj4scwm> no later than **30th September**
- **Please wear a face covering whilst on school site whilst completing the school run**
- School photographs will take place on **Wednesday 7th October** – do not forget your school jumper/cardigan, sorry but we will be unable to provide any spares for use this year. Also don't forget to register with HappyDays Photography www.happydaysphoto.co.uk/trimley

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Miss Howe & Mrs Rainford	normans@trimley.net
Miss Collins	vikings@trimley.net
Miss Philips	medieval@trimley.net
Mrs Smith & Mrs Yates	tudors@trimley.net
Mrs Wilson & Mrs Martin	georgians@trimley.net
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