



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

Learning together - enjoying success - aiming high - celebrating difference – enriching community

Weekly Newsletter – 7th October 2020

'.....commitment to ensuring that all pupils are afforded the best opportunity to achieve is at the centre of every decision.....' OFSTED July 2017

Chair of Governors: Niema Bohrayba

WE NEED TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP TO KEEP US ALL SAFE!

As we said last week the time really is racing along at Haytor View. We thought it would be useful to provide you with an update on our current risk assessment processes, which is seeing our school remain a healthy and safe place with your help!

As we said last week your support has enabled us to have a smooth, safe and swift return to school, the environment is incredibly positive and busy as children go about their day to day routines.

We review our risk assessment at least once a week as an organisation, we also update it in relation to any updated information we receive from Government, the Department for Education and Devon Local Authority. This week saw us review the risk assessment in light of recent developments, which has seen a gradual increase in coronavirus cases across Devon, fortunately at this stage the numbers in Teignbridge remain comparatively low, but are increasing.



We recognise the need to not be complacent about guidance in place to keep us all safe.

Our review has seen no change to our operational processes this week, however we really do need to ask for your help as we have one area of our arrangements which we recognise as causing challenge:

Drop off and Pick up times.

We always knew that this would be an area of difficulty due to volume of people, however we were also keen to not have to introduce staggered starts and finishing times for children, as we knew this would cause real challenge for parents.

We are delighted with how you have helped with this aspect of our school day, however as we become more comfortable with new procedures in school it is all too easy to become complacent, when what we know is that nationally the coronavirus is very much at large. With this in mind could we remind you please to:-

- **Arrive not too early, for drop-off and pick up – as close to 8.35am and 3.15pm as possible please.**
 - **Follow the 'in' and 'out' lanes on the Queensway drive.**
 - **Keep all children close to you when on the school site.**
- **Keep moving away from the school gates to prevent any 'pinch points' at busy times.**

Please don't be upset if a member of staff gives you a gentle reminder about the above expectations!

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?

Each week we try to give you an update on what was happening 'next' at Haytor View to keep you 'in the picture' as we look to ensure all aspects of school is not unnecessarily compromised in these COVID-19 times.

- 1) Key Stage 1 Music sessions have been taking place with the newly arrived instruments;
- 2) School Leaders met to discuss transition arrangements for after half term – details to follow;
- 3) Safeguarding training has been held with our new staff;
- 4) Assemblies are 'up and running' for our Key Stages;
- 5) Mrs Brown attended the Business Managers' forum;
- 6) Denise Tancock attended the Practitioners meeting and Network Meeting, which enables us to share arrangements we have in place for working with families during these unusual times;
- 7) Mrs Galling attended the Local Authority School Funding Consultation, something we of course wanted to have representation as school funding is even more pressing than ever as we cover the costs of the additional arrangements we have had to put in place to support us in being COVID secure.



Of course all the meetings and courses we attend our virtual, which we are increasingly getting used to!

HEALTH CARE PLAN REVIEW

You will have received the letter asking you to provide any information on your child's health needs, we are really keen for these to be returned to school – even if there is nothing for you to update us on, as this helps our clear recording processes in support of children's well being.

Reviewing the health needs of each child each year is absolutely vital, in order that we can both give them ongoing support as well as provide medics with an accurate overview in the event of a medical emergency.



Therefore if you haven't returned the form, please can we encourage you to do so. Thank you – K Galling.

FLU VACCINATION CLINIC IN SCHOOL TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Please remember to complete the electronic parental consent by visiting:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

before Friday 30th October

We look forward to supporting Virgin Care help you to keep your children fit and healthy over the winter months. Please speak with us if you have any difficulties giving your consent.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS – 'NEW BEGINNINGS'

This week we are encouraging classes to celebrate the way in which they are thinking about their relationships, on their return to school.

'I set a good example to others'

- Mrs Galling has nominated: Leon Fox
- Mr Hampton has nominated: Darcie-Jane Davis
- Miss Butler has nominated: Summer Tate
- Mrs Penn has nominated: Brooke Samuel
- Miss Hall has nominated: Harriet Edmonds
- Miss Cameron has nominated: Tianna Green
- Mr Whitty has nominated: Hope Tate
- Mrs Russell has nominated: Paige Wood
- Miss Shopland has nominated: Jamie Milton
- Mr Hankin has nominated: Aaron Donald and Archie Waller



ATTENDANCE

Please find below the attendance information for each class last week – outstanding effort. Well done!



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Mr Whitty Years 4 & 5	Mrs Russell Years 4 & 5	Year 6
90.2%	95.3%	96.4%	98%	93.9%	95.7%	93.9%

HAVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED? THAT FOODBANK CAN HELP!

Feel free to contact them direct (01626 437310) or speak contact the school if you would like an introduction to the service – please don't wait until you are going short – having food provided can ease pressure in other areas of household costs too.

