



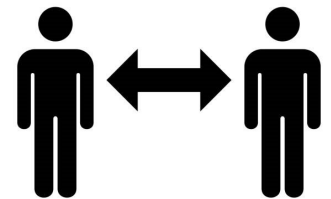
Newsletter 1

14th September 2020

Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to see our children back in school this week. For some, it has been almost six months since they were last in the building and although I know lots of good learning has continued at home, it has been great to be able to have them all back in class. We have had a really positive first week. Although I am sure there have been some anxieties leading up to our return, the children have been delighted to be back with their friends and have responded brilliantly to our new procedures.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for the patient and supportive way in which you have responded to the demands of the staggered start and finish to the school day. So far the prompt arrival of all families has ensured that we have been able to keep our year group pods apart—we are so grateful for your cooperation! Can I please ask that you do try and maintain a social distance outside the school gates and try and leave room for parents to get past once they have dropped off their children.



SOCIAL DISTANCING



In order to ensure good air circulation in classrooms we will be keeping windows open, even in the colder months. Please make sure that your child has an extra layer to wear if they are feeling chilly!

We do realise that it is not as easy to communicate with class teachers at the start and end of the day at the moment. Do feel that you can give us a ring, or send an email, if you have any concerns. You can email admin@thackleyschool.com or use the year group email system that we set up during lockdown. Staff will respond to messages in good time, but not late in the evenings.

Nursery & Reception - earlyyears@thackleyschool.com

1B & 1L - yearone@thackleyschool.com

2E & 2RO - yeartwo@thackleyschool.com

3C & 3I - yearthree@thackleyschool.com

4B & 4W - yearfour@thackleyschool.com

5MI & 5FJ - yearfive@thackleyschool.com

6P & 6K - yearsix@thackleyschool.com



Symptoms and testing for COVID-19

In these worrying times, we ask that parents are vigilant in looking out for signs of illness. Public Health England recommend that people should seek a test if:

- 1) they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell;
- 2) they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse). If a child develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

We ask that you keep your child at home if they display any of these symptoms, however minor they may seem.



What happens at school

If a child is in school and begins to display any symptoms of COVID, they will immediately be taken to our Quarantine Area. A member of staff will stay with them but will wear full PPE. You will be contacted by phone and we ask that you make arrangements to collect your child immediately.

Your child should then self isolate at home for 10 days. You will be required to arrange a COVID test for your child. Household contacts should self isolate for 14 days unless the test is found to be negative. If negative, please share this result with us and your child can return to school.

If your child's test is positive, you must inform school immediately. We will then notify Public Health England Health Protection Team and the Local Authority who will advise us on our next steps as a school. This may include us closing a class or year group pod.

Home Learning

If a child, class or year group has to stay at home due to COVID, our staff have worked hard to be ready to provide Home Learning instantly. You will be emailed with details of work for the week which mirrors the learning that is taking place in class. This is more detailed than the Home Learning topics that we provided during Lockdown and is designed to ensure your child keeps up with the planned learning that should be taking place at school. It is essential that we have an up to date email address for you. Please contact the School Office if you need to update your details.

Rainbow Club

Don't forget that we now offer an extended school day meaning you can drop your child off with us at 7.30am and we can care for them until our new finish time of 6.00pm. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 until the start of school for £4 which includes breakfast for children who arrive before 8.00am



Our after school club is called **Rainbow Club** and opens from the end of school until 6.00pm Monday to Friday for £8 per session. Children are offered a range of fun activities and will be offered a snack and a drink.

Children can attend any number of sessions on any days but these must be booked in advance. In order to meet government guidelines, these children will remain in year groups and will not mix with other year groups or siblings.

If you would like to book a place at Breakfast Club or Rainbow Club, please email admin@thackleyschool.com to secure a place.

Amazon Wish Lists

We have had a number of parents contacting us recently about making donations to school. We are always in need of more books to be able to support our children's love of reading so it would be amazing if any of our families could help us with this. We have set up a series of Amazon Wish Lists so that, if you would like to donate to school, you can choose from a selection of books for your child's year group. Any book that is donated, will have a label placed inside saying which family has donated the book. These books will then be placed in classroom book corners for children to borrow to read at home and in school. If you donate, please email us at admin@thackleyschool.com to let us know. Of course donations are totally optional! The following links are also on our Facebook page.

Early Years Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/4okP9JU>

Year One Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/dmtQfcu>

Year Two Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/aOfMEJm>

Year Three Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/8bu1Qbx>

Year Four Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/6UZ4vwA>

Year Five Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/4zF74B0>



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Download Our App



Don't forget we have an app! The free **eSchools App** provides us with various ways to communicate with parents including email and messages. Through the app you can also see your child's attendance, see letters we send home, book appointments for parents evening and view the school calendar.

Recruitment

We are currently advertising for a number of roles in school. As part of the recruitment process, we usually invite candidates to deliver a short activity with a group of children such as a maths task or sharing a story. This gives us the opportunity to observe how the candidate relates to children and is a vital part of the interview process. I would like to continue with this approach in this recruitment process but with social distancing measures in place, in a well ventilated room, extra handwashing by all involved and no sharing of resources. This is all in line with government and Public Health England advice and is covered by our own rigorous risk assessment. If you do NOT want your child to be part of this process, could you please email school by **Friday 18th September** at admin@thackleyschool.com

Events in School

Unfortunately, many of our usual events have had to be cancelled as we are not able to have people in school at the moment. We are currently working on how to still hold our events, fundraising and celebrations whilst maintaining our pod system and following government guidance. Please bear with us while we find solutions to things such as parents evenings, school photographs, discos, nativities and so on.

Thank you again for your support during these challenging times.
Please stay safe and take care.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A. Patterson
Headteacher

