



Elements Primary School



Monday 8th June 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you all keeping well and staying safe.

We find ourselves in strange times and following advice becomes increasingly difficult when it seems so conflicting. Thank you for all our support and patience as we attempt to navigate our way towards the 'new normal'.

Last week we welcomed an increased number of children to school. Although it was a very different situation they managed incredibly well. I am very proud of the staff who have also had to adapt to a very different school. Being unable to mix with their colleagues and having to stay in their classroom throughout the day has been a new challenge but they have done a fantastic job as ever.

As our numbers of children slowly increase please be aware we only have capacity for 40 children to be in school safely and socially distanced. If you have any concerns at all surrounding your child being in school please keep them at home.

Thank you to those parents, who have been coming to site, for adhering to the distancing measures we have put in place to keep everyone safe.

If you have not yet filled in the 'Catch Up' questionnaire please do so by following this link (or copy and pasting it into your browser).

<https://forms.gle/jnE8PSCZscjFPzRq5>

This will enable us to connect the children so they can have a virtual 'meet'.

If you have needed to come to school you will be aware of the roadworks taking place outside the entrance to school. We can only apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works. We were not given any notice or information so have been unable to forewarn any visitors.

We are sending a questionnaire out this week to both current and new parents regarding After school clubs, breakfast club, curriculum clubs and visits etc. Please look out for it as the responses will help us to shape our timetables etc accordingly.

Please, stay safe.

Miss S Horsbrough
Executive Principal

We are doing lots of planning at the moment and thinking about September. We are aware that due to lockdown some of the children's uniforms will have had much less wear than in a normal school year, particularly items like P.E. tops and jumpers. We are therefore going to create a 'Swap Shop' in September in which you can donate new or nearly new items of uniform that other parents can then buy. For each piece of uniform that you bring back in suitable condition you will receive a voucher for £1 off any new items you purchase through school.

We will still be purchasing all our children going into Year 1 and Year 2 their first jumper for their new year group.



School Holidays 2020/2021

In a previous email you will have received the school holiday schedule for the academic year 2020/2021. We had hoped that we would be able to allocate two weeks for our Spring Bank half term. Unfortunately the dates for the Year 1 Phonics screening falls in what would have been the additional week. This is a statutory assessment that school must deliver and children must complete. As a result we have had to amend our holiday schedule. Please see below for the correct schedule for the school holidays next year. We have slightly extended the Easter holidays and the Summer break instead. Please note, the March WOW week has moved to the first week back after the holidays. If you have already booked a holiday based on the previous schedule please do speak to school. If you have your booking paperwork which shows your booking was made before today we will adjust your child's register accordingly. Apologies for any inconvenience.

ELEMENTS SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2020/21 (190 pupil days)

2020	SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER					DECEMBER				
Monday		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
	Total number of days 10					Total number of days 17					Total number of days 21					Total number of days 14				
2021	JANUARY					FEBRUARY					MARCH					APRIL				
Monday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Wednesday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Thursday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
	Total number of days 20					Total number of days 17					Total number of days 23					Total number of days 11				
2021	MAY					JUNE					JULY					AUGUST				
Monday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	1
Thursday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	2
Friday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	3
	Total number of days 19					Total number of days 18					Total number of days 17					Total number of days 200				

	Bank Holidays		Teacher Training Days
	Other Holidays		WOW Week