



# Elements Primary School



11th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of the first week already!

It has been a super first week in school and our children have done a fantastic job of settling into their new classes. They have also coped beautifully with being in our new building and having to stay within their 'bubbles'. We are very proud of them all.

Thank you to all those of you who have been so understanding of the restrictions we are duty bound to put in place to keep our school site safe. We appreciate that some procedures have taken more time and waits at the beginning and end of the day have been longer. Thank you for your patience. Please be assured that everything we are doing is in line with school guidance and is to keep everyone safe and our school open.

Please also be patient with staff if they remind you of our procedures. They are working very hard to keep themselves and the children safe. We all have a role to play in minimising the risks around the spread of COVID-19. This includes only one adult bringing the children to school and maintaining a 2 metre distance from others on site. No one wants a bubble or the school to close so we really must work together.

## **Build Update**

As you will have seen when you have visited school the Phase 3 of the building works are still not completed. Whilst we are more than used to works on our build being delayed it does not take away the frustration of the site not being able to function as it should. As a Trust we are doing all we can to influence the completion on the works in as short a time as possible.

## **Parking**

Whilst we do have some, albeit limited, parking on site I would ask please that you do not drive into the school site if you can avoid it. Cars are entering the site without due care and at too high a speed. Acre Mount has double yellow lines and yellow zig zag markings and therefore should not be used for parking either. These are there to minimise traffic around school and so I ask that you please adhere to them and park elsewhere. If you live within walking distance please do not drive to the school site at all. Please be considerate and do all you can to keep our children safe.

## **Changes to Reception Staff**

I am sure many of the Reception parents will have noticed that Mrs Winstanley is expecting a baby. We are thrilled for Mrs Winstanley and her husband as they prepare for the birth of their third child. Mrs Winstanley will remain as Class teacher in Reception Class until she goes on maternity leave. Mrs Martin, our Assistant Principal will then move into Reception to take her place.

There are lots of messages included in this week's newsletter so please read everything carefully.

Thank you for your continued support & understanding

Miss S Horsbrough

Executive Principal

## Flying Start Breakfast Club and Touchdown After School Club

Our wrap around care begins next week from Monday 14th September. Please email the office if you haven't already to give us an indication of numbers attending.

In order to maintain school safety procedures the hall will be set up so children in different year groups do not mix. We are lucky to have a big space which allows us to keep our year groups safe within their 'bubbles'. We also have the dance studio to use should it be necessary.

In order for us to safely run our before and after school provision we need to limit numbers to those who need it most. Therefore Breakfast and After School Club will only be open, for the time being, for children of working parents who have no other childcare arrangements.

Please enter Breakfast Club at the external hall doors. After School Club should collect from the same place.

### Magic Breakfast

Magic Breakfast is also beginning next week which means a breakfast bagel will be available for everyone who does not attend Breakfast Club if they would like one.

### Sun Protection

Next week there is some lovely sunny weather forecast. Please ensure your children are comfortable and protected from the sun by:

1. Ensuring they have a sun hat in school
2. Ensuring you have applied sun lotion at home
3. Remembering children can wear summer uniform i.e. yellow/green checked dresses or dark grey shorts

Please do not send sunglasses to school for your children to wear. There is an increased risk of injury if they fall. A sun hat with a brim or a peak is much better for shading their eyes.

If you would like us to apply additional suncream in school please provide this, marked with your child's name, with written consent to the school office,



### Curriculum Clubs

Guidance permitting, we are hoping to open our Curriculum Clubs the week beginning 21st September.

We will be allocating places based on the responses we received to our questionnaire in July. Please be aware of the following:

1. Not all clubs will running straight away.
2. Clubs will have to be run as Year groups specific bubbles.
3. If your child does not get their first choice this time they will go to the top of the list for next term/half term
4. If a club is run by an outside provider the cost is £4 per session
5. You be notified of your child's club place by email next week.

### Year 1 Notice

As our Year 1 children went a term without their school milk when in Reception we will providing them with daily milk until Christmas this year, from next Tuesday.

There is no charge for this for the Autumn term.

If after Christmas you would like your child to continue to have school milk in Year 1 please let the office know.

### LUNCHES

Our children are doing a fantastic job eating their school lunches.

Please be assured if your child's teacher does not give you specific feedback about whether or not your child has eaten you can be sure it is because they have had a good lunchtime and have eaten well.



## Uniform Exchange and Sale

We will be holding a uniform exchange and sale on Wednesday 16th September at 2pm.



Here you will be able to....

buy second hand uniform for £1

**or**

get £1 off new uniform if you bring used, nearly new uniform to exchange

**or**

exchange a second hand piece of uniform for another piece of nearly new uniform for free!

**or**

place additional orders for new uniform



**The Exchange will take place in the hall between 2pm and 3pm**



Please wear a face covering inside the school building.

Please be aware numbers inside the hall will need to be limited so you may need to wait outside.

Thank you for your understanding.



ParentPay<sup>®</sup>

Please make your child's meals selection on ParentPay by Wednesday lunchtime each week for their meals the following week.

Thank you.

## **DEADLINE!**

**Please note the deadline for the 'Design a bin' competition is Friday 18th September.**

**Please get designing so we can have some fantastic bins around school!**

## **TIK TOK WARNING**

We have been made aware of some very serious hacking to videos on TikTok. Innocent looking videos are being interrupted without warning with graphic, disturbing suicide scenes.

Of course children of our school age range should not be on social media sites. However we want to make you aware should you be sharing content with your child.





We want our new school grounds to stay looking fabulous and we need our children's help! We are looking for some super designs for the bins around school. We need these to be eye catching and bright and encourage people to do any of the following;

- \* Keep school clean and tidy
- \* Put their litter in the bin
- \* Recycle their rubbish
- \* Keep Elements Primary looking smart

If you would like to enter our competition create your design on a piece of paper no bigger than A4.

The bins will be a cylinder shape.

The winning designs will be transformed into a digital version and then used for the finished product. These bins will then be positioned around school for everyone to see!

You can send in your designs either by:

- \* scanning your picture and emailing it to [office@elementsprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@elementsprimaryschool.co.uk)
- \* Taking a photograph and emailing it.
- \* Save it carefully and bring it to school on the first day in September:

**We are looking for 3 winning designs. Get designing!**

