



Elements Primary School



9th October 2020

Dear Parents,

At the end of another week we find ourselves in continuing changing times due to the ongoing pandemic.

We are working hard as ever to keep school running as near to normal as possible. Thank you so much for your continued support. We ask that you continue to be careful and to follow all the government and school guidelines closely. Enclosed in this newsletter is a letter from our CEO which will give you an update on the situation from our Trust.

We are grateful that thus far all our classes and bubbles remain open and we hope that this is the case throughout this period. It is very easy to become complacent now and forget that this could change very rapidly at any point. Please remain vigilant and flexible in your arrangements as much as you can.

Our attendance is fantastic again this week and we applaud your efforts to ensure your children do not miss a day of school. Please be assured our online classroom is live and ready should the situation change for your child.

Miss S Horsbrough
Executive Principal

Attendance

Stars	96%
Diamonds	92.9%
Shine	97.4%
Dazzle	100%
Inspire	92.6%
Discover	97.7%
Whole school	96.2%

Well done everyone on another great week's attendance!

REMINDER

Autumn 2 Touchdown After School Club places will be available to book on Arbor on Monday 12th October at 6pm

Fees for 'Touchdown' After School Club are now on Parent Pay.

Touchdown remains just for the children of working parents until further notice.

Please only use Touchdown as a last resort.

Thank you.

Our Stars of the Week!



Well done everyone!

URGENT!!

Reception Class Consent

In Reception Class we use a platform called 'Tapestry' to record the children's learning journeys. Many of you will be familiar with this as your child's nursery will have used the same system.

We want to open up the system so you at home can see what the children have been doing in school.. You will also be able to share what they have been doing at home.

In order to do this we need consent from that you are happy for your child's photograph to appear on Tapestry. This is a school system and is no one has access to your child's profile apart from school and yourselves.

Sometimes photographs we use may contain other children in them and we need your consent to allow your child to appear on these photographs.

Please log into Arbor and complete the consent for this to happen. Any questions please contact school



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

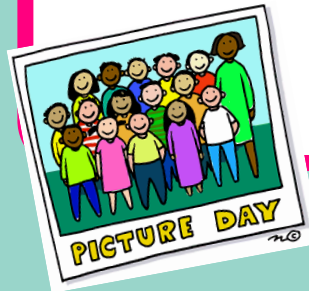
Individual School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th October to take the children's individual photographs.

These are being done over two days to allow the room being used to be cleaned between Year group bubbles.

Unfortunately this year we will not be able to invite parents in with younger siblings due to restrictions in place.

Siblings who are both in school will be able to be photographed together separately to their bubble.



SCHOOL CAR PARK

If you use the school car park please only park in marked bays.

Please do not park at the end of the car park near the bin store.

Please also remember to reverse into a space in order to always be able to drive out.

Thank you

Flu Vaccine

The school nurse is booked to visit school on Tuesday the 8th of December.

You will need to consent to this nearer the time.

We are just letting you know now as some parents were asking in case they needed to organise this themselves.

Thank you

Parents' Evening Meetings

In order for our parent evening consultations to go ahead during the COVID-19 restrictions we are making the following changes to the school calendar you have been issues with previously.

1. Change of date. Parents' Evening will now take place on:

Tuesday 20th October for RECEPTION

Wednesday 21st October for YEAR 1

Thursday 22nd October for YEAR 2

2. Meetings will take place in your child's classroom
3. Times will be spaced out to reduce number of adults on site. Maximum of two adults for each appointment. Please avoid bringing children to appointments.
4. All adults must wear a mask when in classrooms. If you are unable to do so a virtual meeting will be arranged.
5. **Time slots are now available to book on the Arbor Parent Portal**



ParentPay®

Please make your child's meals selection on ParentPay by 1pm on a Wednesday each week for their meals the following week.

This is very important as children could end up with dishes they don't necessarily like if nothing has been chosen for them.

WOW Week fees

At Elements we have special weeks in the year called WOW weeks. This is when we organise all our trips, visitors and special events.

To make the cost easier for parents we ask for a single payment at the beginning of the year. This is a one off £30 payment which covers every WOW week event.

This has now been added to ParentPay. You can choose to pay this in installments or in one go. Whichever is easier.

Obviously this year our school provision looks different and we expect our WOW weeks to look different too. At least in the short term.

Trips will almost certainly not be possible whilst the COVID restrictions are in place. We are hoping though that we will still be able to plan and deliver some safe WOW events in school and contributions to the cost of these would certainly be needed.

If, as we go through the year, circumstances change and these events cannot take place any unused costs will be reimbursed to you.

Thank you for your support.

Please check at home!

We have a number of jumpers that have been taken home by mistake. This means children are without their own jumper.

Please check the jumpers you have at home to make sure they belong to your child.

If not please return them to school as theirs is probably waiting there!



Dear Parent/Carer,

I write with a situation update with the aim of keeping you informed about developments as they happen.

We are seeing a mixed picture across the Trust region in terms of infection rates, local COVID management measures, access to testing and the speed of testing. Consequently, the picture within our schools is a mixed one.

It is very frustrating and a final resort to close any class, group or indeed school. We do not want to do it. We are guided, however, by advice from Public Health England and Local Authority teams. Management of the pandemic requires that we work in concert with these agencies, exercise common sense and follow the guidelines. At times, that may mean that your child is not in school.

We are working to ensure that continuity of education is the best that it can be in the event of extended absence from school. I ask that you bear with and support the school as these are difficult times for all.

We are working with our schools and communities on the assumption that the virus and its management through local and national measures will be with us for some time to come. Be prepared for this situation to continue on well into the New Year. We understand that your child being at home can present challenges to work and family life. Any disruption to a child's education is not a fact lost to us.

Thus far, Wellspring Academies overall have enjoyed very high attendance. We have experienced 'hot spots' that have required temporary partial or full closures. Thank you for supporting us by ensuring that your child has been in school every day that s/he is able to do so.

Now and for the future, please; ensure that you are reading school news and bulletins, plan and prepare flexibly with the assumption that you may be affected by school closure at some time, observe your local COVID management measures, provide every support to your school and community that you possibly can.

With every best wish,



Mark Wilson
Chief Executive Officer, Wellspring Academy Trust

POLITE REMINDERS

Please help us keep our school a safe and friendly place by following these simple rules



Please drive slowly in the car park. Cars are entering and leaving at too fast a speed causing high risk to the safety of our children.



Please do not use your mobile phone on the school premises.



Please do not bring dogs or other animals onto the school premises.



Please do not shout, swear or act aggressively on the school premises.



Elements is a no smoking site. Please do not smoke or vape on the school premises.

Thank you for following our school site rules.

Anyone breaching these rules or conducting themselves inappropriately will be asked to leave. The school reserves the right to ban adults from the school premises if their conduct requires it.