

Culverstone Green Primary School



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Dear parents/ carers

What a change the week has brought in terms of the weather, we started the week with sunshine and shorts and end with heavy rain and wellie boots—the Autumn term has well and truly started.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding with the measures we have implemented in school with regards to drop off and collections, as you know, these measures are in place to keep everyone safe—children and adults.

Some reminders:

- Adults should maintain social distance while waiting, entering and leaving the school site.
- Siblings from other schools should only enter our school site if it is absolutely necessary and where possible, only one adult should collect a child. This is important to limit the numbers of people on site at any one time.
- Please only join the queue at drop off and collection times if it is your child's time slot. It is important that children arrive to school during their time slot and are able to enter school unobstructed
- Please do not congregate on the school site or at the entrances / exits points.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend!

Mr Watson

Illness: Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. 48 hours after last bout of vomiting.

If your child exhibits any of the Covid symptoms (persistent cough, temperature or lose of taste or smell) , please contact NHS 111 for advice book a test. Your child should not return to school until they are better and are in receipt of a negative test result.

Collections:

A reminder that all children in Reception and Key Stage One, must be **collected by an adult only**.

Children in KS2 should be collected by an adult, but if necessary can be collected by a sibling aged **14 years and over** but only with **prior written permission from the child's parent, an email is acceptable to give permission**.

Children in Upper KS2 are permitted to walk home but prior written permission from a parent must be sent to the school.

Please ensure all written permissions for the above have been sent to the school office, otherwise release of a child at the end of the day could be delayed or refused until we speak with a parent.

If your child is being collected by a different person, the school office must be informed in advance with the name of the nominated adult, otherwise we may refuse to release the child.

More detailed information is available in our drop off and collection policy on the school website:

<https://cgps.kent.sch.uk/information/policies/>

*At Culverstone Green Primary School, **we allow siblings over the age of 14 to drop off or collect a child providing that prior written permission has been given**; however, The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and the NSPCC recommend that no one under 16 should be left to care for a younger child for more than a short period of time. The school reserves the right to refuse to allow a person between the ages of 14 and 18 to take responsibility for accompanying a pupil to or from school should we have any concerns about that person's suitability to do so. The suitability of a sibling, or other young adult, caring for a younger child will be considered on a case by case basis, by making a judgment of the potential risks of this arrangement; the maturity of the child collecting/being collected; the length and nature of the journey home, the behaviour and relationship of the children collecting/being collected.*

Mobile phones: Mobile phones are not allowed at school. Children with permission to walk home alone, may bring a mobile phone to school if you would like them to, but they must hand it to the teaching staff in a sealed bag each morning for safe keeping during the school day. Written permission is required in advance for these mobile phones to be in school.

Footwear: Children should be wearing appropriate footwear to school. These should be plain black school shoes or plain black trainers unless they are coming to school dressed in their PE kit.

Uniform and clothing: Please ensure your child is wearing their full and proper school uniform, including for PE (if you are having any difficulty, including financial, in accessing the uniform please contact the school office).

As we are now entering the colder weather, please ensure children come to school with an appropriate rain coat and hat (as necessary)

Special school lunch: Thursday 1st October, hot dogs, wedges, chocolate cake and a special sweet treat to go along with your school dinner. Book in advance to ensure you have a place for school dinners.



School dinners: School meals must be ordered and paid for in advance on <https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com/>. If you are having issues using the system please contact Joanne Allen on joanne.allen@chandcogroup.com. For children who are in receipt of free school meals, these must be booked in advance and the system will allow you to bypass the payment area.

Road Safety: Please be careful when crossing the road outside the school. The road is clearly marked with a crossing barrier and zebra crossing but it is still so important to remain vigilant when crossing the road, to ensure everyone's safety.



Parent Consultations: Year 6 online parent consultations will be held on Tuesday 29th September. Appointment booking details have been emailed to parents this week so please check your emails to book a time slot. Years 1-5 parent consultations will be held virtually during the week beginning 19th October 2020. Parents will be able to book in advance through the parent online booking portal and a link to the meeting will be sent in advance. Further information and details will be shared shortly.

World Mental Health Day: On Friday 9th October, we are supporting World Mental Health Day. To support this in a visible way, the children can come to school wearing something yellow or dressed fully in yellow. The children will continue to learn about their own mental health and the importance of looking after our own mental health and strategies we can use.

The school will be setting up a Go Fund Me page for parents and the community to be able to donate directly to support mental health charities. All donations are very much appreciated. Further details on donations will follow.

Breakfast club: Breakfast club must be booked in advance online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk. The gate will be open from 7.45am to 8.15am for children attending breakfast club. Children should wait at the fence outside the school hall where they will be welcomed in by the breakfast club adults. Parents, please do not enter the school building. Please ensure we have received a completed breakfast club registration form.

After School Club: After school club has resumed. Please contact Michala Loe on 07758 007842 to book places.

Bikes and scooters: Please do not bring bikes and scooters onto the school grounds.



Contact information: Please ensure the office are aware of any changes to emergency contact phone numbers and email addresses.

Dates for the diary:

Tue 29th Sep—Yr6 parent consultations

Fri 9th Oct—World Mental Health Day

Fri 23rd Oct—End of Term 1

Mon 2nd Nov—Start of Term 2

Mon 30th Nov—Flu nasal vaccines for all year groups

Fri 18th Dec—End of Term 2