

Millhouse News

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General Information

The first full week back is done and everyone has worked really hard! The children have settled well into new routines and are gradually getting back into their learning. It was lovely to see our reception children join us this week as well!

Some of the children are very tired (as are the staff!) as this will have been the first full week of school for many months for them. We would advise that home routines are set up to support the children with the new school routine, including earlier bedtimes, so that they are ready for their day at school.

Nursery Places

We still have places available for our Nursery. If you have or know of a child who is 3 years old and would like a place, please contact Mrs Neame in the school office (telephone or email only).

Forgotten Items

At the moment, to keep everyone safe and to avoid creating a pinch point, we would ask that parents do not come to the school office in person. Therefore, if your child forgets something, unless it is urgent that your child has it (e.g. glasses), please do not ask to bring it up to them.

If your child forgets their lunch, we will provide them with a school lunch which will need to be paid for on School Gateway.

Bikes & Scooters

From Monday, children will be able to bring their bikes and scooters to school. The children will store them in the following places:

Year 1 – bike shed next to the gate

Year 2 – along the fence by the car park

Year 3 – along the fence opposite their classrooms

Year 4 – bike shed next to the gate

Year 5 – along the side of the cage

Year 6 – bike shed next to the gate

Ideally, they should be secured with a chain.

Absence due to illness

If your child is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 (new persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste/smell) they must not come to school and parents should arrange a test as soon as possible. Please contact the school office to let us know so that we can follow the set protocols.

If your child has a cold, chesty cough, headache, tummy ache or any other ailment (except sickness and diarrhoea), children can still come into school unless you feel they are too poorly to come in. If your child gets worse during the day or we feel they are developing COVID symptoms, we will call you and ask you to collect them as soon as possible.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

It is vital that you are maintaining a distance of 2m between yourself and others when waiting at the gates to drop off or collect your child. If there is not enough room at the gate to do this, please wait on the other side of the road.

To help with social distancing, please do not arrive more than a few minutes before your child's times. If it is not your child's time to come in or go home, please wait elsewhere until it is.

WELLBEING

A few tips for helping your child settle back into school and feel confident...

- Avoid asking them what happened at school today; instead, ask them to name one thing that went well today and one thing they learnt. This will help them to see school as a positive and improve their self-esteem.
- Set up routines at home that help develop their independence and resilience. E.g. Asking them to sort their clothes and bag the night before, turning off screens an hour before bed to allow their brains to relax and choosing breakfast and lunch options before bed.
- If they are feeling worried or upset about coming to school avoid the temptation to discuss why before coming in. Instead, focus on positives like seeing their friends, teacher and learning new things. You can talk with them about how they are feeling in the evening when they are likely to be less anxious and more likely to see things with more perspective.
- Make sure they arrive at school on time. Being late can make children more worried and more likely to not want to come in as it can be embarrassing for some children to walk in in front of everyone else or be disruptive to the start of their learning.

Copper the cat has been looking after the school all summer and is pleased to have everyone back! You might spot him walking round the school or on the playground when he's not at home with Sienna in class 3 and her family.

