



Welcome to the first addition of Meadowbrook's Parent Comms, which you will now receive each Friday. Thank you all for attending our welcome back Zoom meetings through the week. We hope you found them to be useful and informative, if somewhat unusual in format. While it was lovely to see you all, it has been even nicer to see you all in person at school this week. We've been so lucky to have the beautiful September sun too....social distancing is certainly much easier when you can go outside!

We may be some way from 'normal' at the moment, but behind the scenes things are running just as we would want at Meadowbrook. Our specialist lessons are running smoothly despite distancing and limitations in sharing resources, and our community meetings have been taking place via Zoom rather than in the Atrium. There are already ideas for whole school projects and community activities, and we are determined that current restrictions, while strictly adhered to, will not stop us from having fun and achieving our goals!

On a more serious note, government guidance surrounding children in education is changing daily and we are constantly reviewing our Risk Assessment and subsequent practise to ensure our children, families and staff are protected by the very best protocols and systems in school. At this moment in time, with the virus spreading more rapidly every day in our local area, teachers have plans to continue educational provision in a number of scenarios. These cater for:

- Teachers having to isolate because they are caring for family with, or in a household with, COVID-19.
- Teachers having to isolate because they themselves are unwell with COVID-19.
- children having to isolate because they are have, or are in a household with, COVID-19.
- class or whole school closures due to people positively testing for COVID-19 within the Meadowbrook community.

Each of these scenarios requires a different response, but with hard-copy booklets, text books, live lessons, video support lessons, digital resources, community Zooms, our specialist lessons and Meadowbrook supply staff, we are confident we are able to offer our varied curriculum in any given scenario.



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Next week, your child will receive another red folder containing the text books and exercise

full curriculum on offer. This may not be needed at all, but should your household have to suddenly isolate, it will be one less thing to organise!

We will provide you with more details in the next Parent Comms.

All the while we are at school, however, please remember our groundrules that promote social distancing, keep mixing with others to an absolute minimum and minimise the risk of transmission between home and school.

- try to stick to your drop-off and pick-up times – LP 8.30-3.20, UP 8.45-3.30
- ensure your child brings as little as possible to school. While the weather is nice, they can wear the same shoes all day and do not need trainers, indoor shoes and wellies.
- remind your child they cannot take items between home and school every day. This includes pencil cases and bags.....their spare clothes can stay at school on their peg.
- ensure your child has everything they need for the day. This includes water bottles, snack (especially for those having hot lunch), and cutlery if needed.
- remind your child to sanitise their hands before entering the school. There are new touch-free sanitisers situated at the main entrance and outside the approach to each side of the building.
- send your child to school in their gym kit Tuesdays and Thursdays. They do not need their uniform and can wear their trainers all

day. For Reception, this only applies on Thursday.

-general 'snuffles' are to be expected at this time of year, and children are permitted to come to school with mild symptoms of cold, as long as they haven't needed medication and feel well enough.

-report to the school immediately if you or your child becomes unwell with suspected COVID-19 symptoms: a temperature, a new persistent cough, loss of taste and smell, general aches and pains. In this case, please arrange to be tested immediately.

-speak to your class teacher, make an appointment to see me or



email Serena if you have ANY concerns at all. Further advice can be found displayed in the Atrium or in the Parentmail dated 10/09/2020.

On a less formal note, your children have all been wonderful at school and have taken on board our new rules and regs, albeit with a few reminders along the way! We hope you have received your child's rough guide and timetable this week, which will help them remember what they need to prepare for each day. Helping children to take responsibility for chores and duties at home is more important than ever, as these activities are somewhat restricted at school for the moment.

FoMM

Although community activities are currently on hold, FoMM are still supporting the school behind the

scenes. If you would like to get involved, or have any ideas for the future, please contact Zoe Steed on 07787117700.

Reception Forest School

Reception children will need to have everything ready for their first



Forest School session with Wendy and Erika on Friday, 18th September. Erika has prepared a COVID-19 friendly resources pack for the session and is well equipped with wipes, sanitiser and lots of soapy water! Speak to Wendy if you have any questions. Please ensure you return your permission slips to Wendy before next Friday.

Secondary School Information Evening

As mentioned in the Upper Primary welcome back meeting, Julie, Sarah-Jane and myself will soon be hosting a secondary school information evening for years 3-5. Anybody in these year groups wishing to attend will need to start thinking about their options for secondary school if you haven't done so already.

More details to follow.



It is with great excitement that we can now announce that Barbara O'Sullivan, a long-standing teacher and friend of the Meadowbrook community, plans

to offer holiday club through all the holidays.

We know how much this service means to our families, and we are delighted that Barbara will continue to be a familiar face in school. Please find a copy of Barbara's letter attached to this email.

After School Care

Please note that ASC cannot run for only 1 child, so there may be times when the session cannot be offered. Please try to book in advance if you can, so we can continue to offer ad hoc sessions when needed.

Some members of our community have had birthdays recently or coming up:



Sophia Steed

Jack Steed

Ethan Thomas

David Tilezhinskii

and our very own Julie!

Happy birthday to you all!

On a final note, I would like to say how excited I am to take on the headship at Meadowbrook. Although I am teaching, I will always have time for your questions and concerns, or even just a nice cup of tea! Please contact me at headteacher@meadowbrook.uk or book an after school appointment through Joy.

Have a lovely term!

Sarah