

12th June 2020

Nursery Hill Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we welcomed back children across all year groups. Like all the staff, I was really glad to see them and I must say they have grown! They all seemed very happy to come back into school and straight away noticed all the changes that have been put in place to keep them and the adults who work in school safe.

Social distancing markers have been positioned around the school. We have also installed new hand sanitisers in the corridors and there are posters throughout school that remind us how to stay safe. Desks have been positioned two metres apart, the children have their own trays with their own belongings in, playtimes and lunchtimes have been staggered, as well as drop off's and pick up's. We are doing our best, once again, to keep ourselves safe.



We are still adhering to Government guidelines by staying alert as much as possible, continuing to wash our hands, and to keep social distancing. As many of you know school has always been open throughout these unprecedented times to support our vulnerable and keyworker children.

We have spent a lot of time conducting a thorough Risk Assessment and writing a robust plan for integration. Staff have been trained on Nursery Hill Recovery Routines and Procedures. They are all now aware of our action plan and their professional responsibilities. As part of the action plan we ask that parents/carers do not come into the school building including the office area as this is part of our steps to reduce risk. If parents want to contact the school, we ask that they phone or email. Thank you for your cooperation.

It is an anxious time for all of us, so please remember to be kind, thoughtful and considerate.



We have strived to provide all of our children in the Nursery Hill Family with online and paper-based learning. This will continue for children who are not attending school. Thank you to our parents/carers for encouraging the children to complete the tasks, I am really impressed with the learning that I have seen on Class Dojo.

Please note, the school website reflects some of the excellent learning that has been happening in your homes. Keep an eye out for weekly photographs and teacher comments. This is instead of our weekly celebration assembly.

The Government has also published particular information for parents/carers to explain why and how they have reached these decisions. All relative documentation can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/>

Parents and carers can contact the Local Authority if they have any concerns or queries over the weeks ahead.

You can contact the Local Authority on the new parental helpline on **01926 412021** from 08:00 to 18:00 or check the Council's website for further information.

The parent and carer webpage can be found

here- <https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-advice-parents/1>

Black Lives Matter

As part of our Inspection Report Ofsted stated the following:

"Leaders have introduced a new approach to how they promote pupils' personal development. This is in the early stages."



We have been doing a lot of work in school since the Autumn Term, and part of that was to encourage the children to be aware of what is happening in their local community, our country and our world. You will have noticed that there have been protests and marches in regards to the injustices that are happening in America, in the UK and across the world generally.

Some teachers have uploaded onto their Class Dojo learning tasks that will enable the children to increase their cultural capital and their awareness of World wide issues, of which Black Lives Matter is one. This is a world changer as was the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's. Please look out for some of the excellent work that has been produced on the website, our children are always keen to learn about making the world a better place and how they can play their part. I am so proud of the children because they are the change makers of the future.

Continue to watch Newsround, read articles and have discussions about what is happening in the news. As part of this I would still like you to explain to the children about the importance of equality and respect – part of our British Values.

Be kind, Be thoughtful, Be considerate.



Mental and Physical Health

Although we are in unprecedented times it is important to maintain our physical health. Being active each day will not only help us physically but also mentally.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fitterfutures>

Free School Meals

If you feel that you are eligible for Free School Meals, please access the link below and make an application:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Please keep school informed if successful via email: admin2001@welearn365.com

Warwickshire Welfare Scheme

If parents/carers are having financial difficulties you can apply to Warwickshire Welfare Scheme for support. Parents/carers can apply to Warwickshire's Local Welfare Scheme for help with food and energy.

Parents and carers can contact the scheme on **0800 408 1448** or **01926 359 182**

You will be asked for each child's name, date of birth and a valid mobile number.

You can also email warwickshirelocalwelfarescheme@warwickshire.gov.uk

If you do email you will need to include child's name, date of birth and a valid mobile phone number.

Communication

We like to keep in touch so can I ask parents to check their mobiles and the school website regularly for any updates or information.



Some useful phone numbers

If you have no support and are finding it hard to manage right now, get in touch with Warwickshire County Council for emotional, financial and practical support. Call 0800 4081447 or visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusvulnerable

Coventry and Warwickshire Mental Health- 0800 616 171 – a free 24/7 confidential helpline providing emotional support

Samaritans (24/7 service) – 116 123

National Domestic Abuse Helpline – 0808 2000 247 (www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/)

Text SHOUT to 85258 in the UK to text with a trained Crisis Volunteer.

Mind promote mental health Phone: 0300 123 3393

Childline Phone: 0800 1111 for Childline for children (24-hour helpline)

0808 800 5000 for adults concerned about a child (24-hour helpline)

Cruse Bereavement Care Phone: 0808 808 1677

Yours sincerely,



Ms J Clarke