



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the all the challenges of our current lives, school continues to be happy place to work and learn for us all! The children are demonstrating such a positive approach to learning and school life and we have been so incredibly impressed with their enthusiasm; their concentration and their determination to do their best.

Our staggered lunchtimes and breaktimes continue to be working well, with some minor adaptations made since the start of term and we continue to ensure that children from different bubbles are kept apart as much as possible during the school day and at our after school care.

As I know you fully appreciate, good hand and respiratory hygiene are essential measures that must be adhered to, but we do understand that some children are beginning to suffer with minor skin irritations due the constant handwashing. As a result, we have introduced some further measures to try to alleviate this, including: ensuring children are drying their hands thoroughly by patting rather than wiping with the hand towels and encouraging them to use our hand dryers - reintroduced into operation last week following advice from CCC H+S team. We have also purchased some very mild emollient cream to alleviate chapped hands for those children who are suffering. This is stored safely and administered at the discretion of the classteacher. Please do not send your child to school with their own hand sanitiser, soaps or handcreams.

Another important measure in school is the constant cleaning of all areas that are touched regularly by staff and children. These include all our learning environments, main corridor, doors and handles; and most importantly the toilet areas. I would like to share with you my huge appreciation to all the staff who have taken on so many additional roles this term to ensure our school is safe; especially their support with cleaning and serving meals at lunchtime. From the moment our first children arrive, every member of staff is doing everything possible to ensure that all the children are happy, engaged in the curriculum and their learning and that our systems are followed with vigilance.

Thank you again to everyone in our community for the huge contribution you make in keeping everyone as safe as possible by following the latest government guidance out of school and our own procedures and routines. It is massively appreciated by all the staff and Governors.



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Letters and Newsletters:

We will have no doubt already noticed that we are now using our school data management system to email letters out to parents rather than post them on our website following a text alert. We hope you are finding this to be a more effective way to communicate with you but please let us know if you experience any problems. Occasionally letters will still come out in children's book bags, but usually only when a response is necessary. This has dramatically reduced our photocopying costs and ensures vital information comes to you directly.

It is therefore essential that we have up to date information about your email address and that you inform us of any change immediately.

Regular updates will continue to be uploaded to the relevant pages of our website.

Harvest:

During next week, we will be exploring Harvest in our class assemblies and the curriculum. You should have already received a Harvest letter via email with more information including our request for Harvest gifts to be brought to school from the beginning of next week. These can be fresh fruit and vegetables to be made into small gifts for members of our community and/or a non-perishable items for Kendal foodbank.

PE during wet and cold weather:

Our PE curriculum for this term involves us being outside as much as possible and even in cold, damp weather. Please can we encourage the children to come in joggers or leggings and their PE hoodies on their relevant days. We are also suggesting that children in Skiddaw and Scafell bring a change of footwear so that they can change into dry shoes and avoid bringing mud off the field into school. Fine, waterproof short jackets are also a way of keeping a little drier and warmer when we venture outside in the wet!

We will only be inside if the rain is torrential, so on days where the forecast is poor, a clean set of school uniform might be advisable so that the children, in Skiddaw in particular, do not have to endure the remainder of the afternoon in wet clothing.

School Dinners:

We are constantly reviewing our autumn menu to ensure the children are eating and enjoying a balanced, healthy variety of meals. If your child is in Bowfell, please could you help us ensure the children make the right choices each day by talking to your child about their daily options. The three-week cycle of menus are on the school website.

Parent-Teacher Appointments:

These are now scheduled to take place during the week beginning Monday 2nd November. We are hoping to be able to offer our parents an 8 minute appointment either via a telephone call or via a live link on Microsoft Teams. Further details will be shared as soon as we are confident with our systems and procedures for this to go ahead effectively and safely.

Music Lessons:

It has been wonderful this week to restart our music tuition in school with our talented music teachers, Mrs Rainbow and Mrs Hurley, and our new, very enthusiastic guitar teacher, Mr John Wright.

- Tuesdays – violin and guitar lessons
- Thursdays - piano

Dates for you Diary:

5.10.20	Harvest Week – please remember to bring a Harvest Gift during this week.
21.10.20	Whole School Flu Immunisation.
26.10.20- 30.10.20	Halfterm holidays
3.11.20	Parent-Teacher interviews for pupils in Bowfell. Details to follow.
4.11.20	Parent-Teacher Interviews for pupils in Skiddaw. Details to follow.
5.11.20	Parent-Teacher Interviews for pupils in Scafell.
13.11.20	Children in Need Day

Please keep an eye on our online calendar on the website for further updates.

If you have any concerns, questions or would like to share anything with us, then please do get in touch with us; we are all very committed to keeping good communication with all our parents. Thank you again for your continuing support for school; it is hugely appreciated.

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday