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WELCOME TO VIEWLEY 2021-2022

It has been a pleasure to welcome you and your children to Viewley this week after what I hope has been a lovely summer for you all.

For those returning we welcome you back and for those of you just joining our school, we welcome you to our school community.

We were incredibly proud of how well the children came into school yesterday and how smart they all look in their school uniform. The positive Viewley Hill spirit could be felt right throughout school and it was an excellent start to what I hope will be a happy, safe and exciting year for all of us.

Following the restriction of last 18 months, we are very much looking forward to sharing more of our journey with you in person throughout this next academic year.

Whilst most Covid restrictions have been lifted, some will continue and so please ensure you read all the information on this newsletter so you are aware of how we continue to do all we can to keep our school community as safe as possible.

As always, you will see staff on the gates, and staff are always available to speak to at appropriate times.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Barkley

Headteacher

STAFFING

I am delighted to officially welcome Miss Booty, Mr Exton and Miss Murphy to our team. I very much hope they enjoy being part of our Viewley Hill community and I know you will make them all feel welcome.

It is a pleasure to share with you that Miss Donovan got married over the summer and we welcome her back as Mrs Hetherington—congratulations!

HERE IS A REMINDER OF THE START AND FINISH TIMES FOR THE SCHOOL DAY

Year Group	Start and Finish Times	Drop off and collection
Nursery am Nursery pm	8.30-11.15am 12.15-3pm	Children should be brought and collected via the lower school gate.
Reception and Key Stage 1 (Y1&2)	Arrival 8.40-8.50am Collection: 3pm	Children should be brought and collected via lower school gate.
Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6)	Arrival 8.40-8.50am Collection: 3.10pm	Children should arrive through KS2 gate and will leave through 2nd KS2 gate.

COLLECTION / WALKING HOME

Yesterday your child brought home a letter about collection procedures.

Please remember to complete this and send back into school so we have the correct information about who can collect your child from school.

Y4-6 children cannot walk home on their own without the signed form back in school.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club starts again on Wednesday 8th September.

If you would like your child to attend please return the form to school.



SAFEGUARDING & WELFARE

The safeguarding of your children is our highest priority. Whilst all staff are responsible for keeping our community safe we have a designated safeguarding team.

Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Barkley and Mrs Scaife

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Moore

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs A Baker

Health and Safety: Mrs Lowe

Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any concerns about the safety of a member of our school community.

ATTENDANCE—A SCHOOL PRIORITY

Attendance at Viewley Hill is a priority this year and so it is important that your child attends every day. Over the course of the last year children have missed much time in school and so being in school every day is vital to support their individual catch up and progress.

We will be doing lots to reward good attendance on a weekly and termly basis, as well as first day contact for children not in school.

If your child is ill please ensure you contact school to inform us.

If your child is not in school without reason, we will make daily contact with you either by phone call or home visit.

PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed your phone number or email address please let the office know as soon as possible as these are our main methods of communication with you.

If we do not have your email address we would be grateful if you could provide this for us.

AUTUMN 1 LEARNING NEWSLETTER

At the end of this week your child will bring home a newsletter about what your child has to look forward to in school this half term. This will inform you about their learning and how you can help them at home too. Please ask if you have any questions.

COVID MEASURES

As you are aware many of the Covid protective measures are no longer a requirement. It is very important to us however, that you as our school community feel safe on our school site. These measures continue to be in place within school:

- Ventilation in all rooms is still in place with windows open
- Tables continue to be cleaned each lunchtime and the end of the school day
- Children continue to wash their hands at different points of the day
- Staff in school will continue to complete regular testing
- School continues to keep a record of positive tests and will take Public Health England advice if necessary

COVID SYMPTOMS & TESTING

If you or your child has Covid symptoms it is important that you arrange for a PCR test.

You must also book a PCR test if you have a positive LFD test.

You must isolate until you have the PCR results.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU INFORM US IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID 19.

IT IS IMPORTANT WE HAVE THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE.

COVID ISOLATION

It is no longer a requirement to isolate if you live with, or have been a close contact to someone who tests positive for Covid-19.

Unless children test positive themselves, or you have had other advice from NHS Track and Trace, all children should be at school every day.

HOME LEARNING

For any children who are required to isolate, we will continue to provide home learning.

Most of this learning will be through SeeSaw.

Please speak to your child's teacher or email school if you need a reminder of login details.