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Dear Parent/Carer,

Easter update

As always, I wanted to send you an update as we begin our Easter break. Although any break is well deserved and needed, it does seem strange that for some children this is yet another 'halt' to them returning to full time schooling. What I do hope is that the holiday will provide some valuable family time without the need to log into Teams/Zoom, print out sheets or support your child at home. We can hopefully all use the time as a brain break! Of course, please do feel free to begin to help your child research in readiness for next terms learning.

Since welcoming back ALL children to school, attendance has been very good. As can be expected there have been a few coughs and colds but apart from that, the children have attended school with smiles and laughter. We continue to ensure the health and safety of the children is our number one priority. Some of the younger children seem to have struggled more than their older peers. They have not had the social interaction since January that is so important and they will require intervention and caring staff to help them get back into the swing of things.

If after reading this update you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email me head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk and I will do my best to help. In the meantime, have a wonderful Easter break and please, please stay safe and healthy. We are all aware of the high number of positive Covid-19 cases in Corby so we should all pray that our community is not affected.

Uniform/PE kit/Resources

Thank you so much for your support with regards to uniform and PE kits and for sending in the children ready for their learning. Next term, we will begin to think about uniform from September 2021. One thing that I am considering is allowing children to wear 'PE' uniform on the class PE days. This could potentially involve children wearing a red hoodie/black bottoms/shorts on those days. If you would like to give me a thumbs up/down to this idea please do email/Tweet across your thoughts. A decision will be made so that you have sufficient notice to then allow you to place relevant uniform orders for September. **Please note some changes to PE days for next term.** We are pleased to again be able to invite Corby Tennis in to teach Ash/Willow on a Friday!

Learning/Curriculum

We have received some very positive feedback with regards to the curriculum and the enthusiasm of the children at home. It is rewarding to hear that children talk about their school work at home. These past few weeks have been used to welcome back the children and then to provide some formal learning. The children, as always, have adapted very well. This week has been our assessment week. The assessments provide us with valuable information that will allow the teachers to plan the learning for next term. We will also be able to highlight children who require 'catch up' tuition and will use the Government funding to offer them such tuition. If this is the case for your child you will receive more information. As always, you will soon receive the learning planners, spelling lists etc for next term via both Parentmail and Teams.

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Classroom layout/Bubbles/Staggered timings

The government guidance remains for children to be taught in 'bubbles.' As a result of this, timings for drop off/collection will remain the same until further notice although there are **some changes to PE days**. Once able to do so, I envisage returning to entry/departure via Mill Rd. I will of course update you upon any changes with sufficient notice. As always, please be mindful of our neighbours and park with care. Please, where possible park away from the school and enjoy a walk. The safety of the children is of course of huge importance at these times. **We also continue to ask that you DO NOT use the school car park at drop off/collection times.**

WILLOW	Car Park Gate	
	Gate/register	Pick up
	8:40 - 8:50	3:05
	PE KIT – MONDAY/FRIDAY	

ASH	Mill Road Gate	
	Gate/register	Pick up
	8:40 – 8:50	3:05
	PE KIT: MONDAY/FRIDAY	

OAK	Field Gate	
	Gate/register	Pick up
	8:40 – 8:50	3:05
	PE KIT – TUESDAY/FRIDAY	

BEECH	Mill Road Gate	
	Gate/register	Pick up
	8:50 – 9:00	3:15
	PE KIT – TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	

HAWTHORN	Field Gate	
	Gate/register	Pick up
	08:50 – 9:00	3:15
	PE KIT – WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY	

I look forward to seeing you all soon. I have missed you all. Please stay alert and stay safe! I am also pleased to announce that we will welcome back Joe and Jason next term to pick up where they left off with musical tuition. At the start of next term, we will be in touch with regards to arranging teacher-parent consultations. Happy Easter everyone!

Yours faithfully,

Ashley Scott (Headteacher)