

FROXFIELD FRIDAY FLYER

Friday 22nd May 2020

Dear parents

This week, staff have been busy preparing for the partial reopening of schools which may begin on 1st June. The Government will be making a final decision on this by 28th May and, if scientific evidence allows, we will start to see a return to school for some children.

In order to keep children and staff safe, we are implementing the guidance we have received from the Government. Classrooms will look quite different, with desks spaced out, only minimal resources available and children will have their own personal sets of equipment. There will also be new procedures in place for breaktimes, lunchtimes, movement around the school and for the start and end of the school day. If your child will be returning on 1st June, it would be helpful for us if you could prepare them for these changes, explaining that they are there to keep everyone safe and are absolutely nothing they need to worry about.

Linked to this, we ask that all parents make every effort to keep to the drop off time indicated on the letter for their year group. This will help us to get all children into school in a calm and safe manner as well as avoiding crowding at the gate and in the car park.

During these early weeks, please can messages and queries that come up during the school day be sent to the office by email. All messages will be passed to the relevant member of staff.

During these first few weeks, we hope to establish new routines and ways of working that can be rolled out with further year groups when the time comes. We will be continually reviewing our Risk Assessment so we ask that you bear with us should changes need to be made; we will make changes if we feel there is a safer or more effective way of working.

Today I have posted a video on our school website challenging the children to walk or run a mile a day over the half-term break. It would be great if as many children as possible could get involved. If children are reluctant to walk or run, they could go on a scooter or bike. Let's see how many miles we can do as a school community over the next nine days.

I want to end this last newsletter of the half-term by thanking all our amazing staff at Froxfield for their dedication and commitment. They have adapted so well to the new way of working, doing everything that is asked of them (and more), working tirelessly to ensure this situation does not impact too greatly on the children's opportunities and learning. They have been on a steep learning curve with technology and have risen to the challenge. Their professionalism is a huge credit to themselves and the school; staff at Froxfield never complain; they do all they can to make things work for our children. You are all amazing! Thank you!

I hope you all enjoy a well-earned break from home learning next week. If you have any questions, queries or concerns between now and 1st June, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I will be responding to emails during this time.

Thank you as always for your support for the children and the school.

With kindest regards,

Mrs V Farrow
Headteacher

