



Dear Parents and Carers

Thanks once again for your support this Spring Term. The children have had a really good term so far, working hard and taking opportunities to improve and learn from their feedback.

Thanks for attending Parent Consultations this week as well. If you were unable to make it, we will be following up to arrange an appointment. It is important that you are kept aware of your children's progress and targets.

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update

You will be receiving an update letter from Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust today which has the most recent advice for schools and families. The most important changes relate to the guidance on staying at home for 7 days if children have either a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature. Both of these are possible symptoms and you must keep your child in isolation at home for 7 days.

Please see the letter for further information about how we can work together to prevent the spread of this virus.

Communication Update

Thank you for the way many parents and carers continue to engage with school and support from home. All successful schools work hard at developing the partnership between home and school. Being open about communication and responding when this does not work effectively is an important part of this.

We try really hard to make sure parents and carers are kept fully informed about what is going on in school and we use several different ways to make sure this happens. I wanted to remind you about how we expect this to work.

1. **Class DoJo:** this is an ideal way to keep informed about what is happening in your children's learning group or phase and the best way to communicate with teachers about learning. You should have a login which gives you access to class DoJo and this will enable you to see what your children are doing and send and receive messages with the teacher. Please remember that teachers are always busy and they also have a life outside school so it should not be expected that a reply is received immediately!

2. **School Absence Line:** Please ring the absence line to let us know if your child will not be in school due to sickness, medical appointments etc. Please do not use DoJo to inform us of absences, dinner arrangements or medical appointments. This may not be accessed in time and may result in a text or call to ask why your child isn't in school. The messages on the absence line and main school number are checked every morning as soon as possible by the admin team. It is vital that we are informed whenever your child is not in school, for whatever reason.
3. **Main school phone number:** For any other admin matters (eg dinners, picking up arrangements etc), or to speak to Mrs Johnson or another member of the Senior Leadership Team, please use the main school number to arrange an appointment.

Parking Outside School

Once again I need to remind you that it is really important that parents and carers do not park on the zig-zag lines or on the pavements near to school if this causes an obstruction to pedestrians, local buses or blocks local residents' driveways. We have had a number of concerns come to school recently about cars blocking in local residents and also about the abuse some local residents get from parents/carers when they ask the car to move because they need to get out for an appointment. This is not acceptable behaviour and we will report any such incidents to the police with number plates identified. Please park on streets further away if necessary, or use the Rawcliffe Recreation car park and walk via the back gate if possible. Members of the Senior Leadership Team have now started patrolling around local streets at drop off and pick up times to monitor this and take any follow up action. You may have seen this happening already.

Residents are always encouraged to contact the community police if they have any concerns. Please try to respect the local community if you have to use your car. This is not a positive reflection on our school and does nothing to encourage a positive relationship with the local community.

Our Eco Council are starting a project working with City of York Council Parking team to raise awareness of the concerns and to encourage healthy ways to get to school. More news will follow as this project gets underway. The pupils feel passionately about the issues of parking and using alternative ways to get to school.

Supervising before and after school

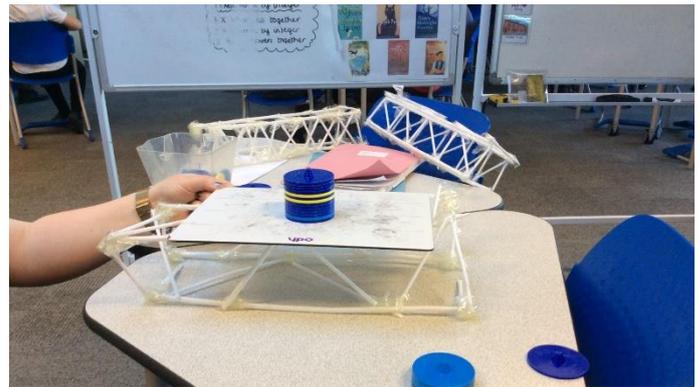
I need to remind you that children should not be using any of the school outdoor facilities either before or after school while they wait on the playground. Some children have

been seen playing in the delivery bay which puts them in danger. Please do not let them play in the science outdoor classroom and climb on the sheds for example.

Please make sure you are supervising your children. One recent injury occurred while a group of children were playing with a fallen branch which caused a facial injury to another child in an incident after school.

Finally...

Here are a few pictures showing some of the work we have been doing in school.



Best wishes
Andy Herbert
Headteacher

