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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to all our families to our second half of the Autumn Term.

Update on COVID

We are all thinking about the situation with regards to COVID, especially today as we enter the month-long lockdown. As you will be aware, schools are open, and children are still expected to attend by the government (our attendance last half term was really good, and we know how much parents value the education they receive here at South Hiendley). We continue to work really hard to keep the school a safe place for your children. A couple of polite reminders:

- One person to collect children if at all possible (keep numbers low on the playground)
- Please wear a facemask when coming on site if you are able to.
- Please email or phone us if you want to speak to the school; we miss speaking face to face to parents as much as we know lots of you miss speaking with us, but we have to try to minimise that contact as much as possible.



School is here to support families; if there are any circumstances you want to make us aware of please do contact the school.

The doors and windows are kept open as much as possible; as the weather continues to become colder, if you would like to send in an extra layer (cardigan, jumper etc) for your child to wear over their uniform if they become cold that is fine and they can leave it on the back of their chair.

Remote learning arrangements

Your child will be bringing home a remote learning email login; this is a MAT system which has been set up through the government. Should we have to close the whole class, this will enable us to do a daily register and online learning sessions with children while at home. Please keep this safe. We will be showing the pupils how to log into this system next week as part of their computing lessons.

Pupils who are currently isolating should now be receiving work set through the see saw app; please do contact the school office if you are having any difficulties with this and we will do our best to help.

Relationship and Sex education (RSE)

Another request for any parents who might be interested in forming a working party to help us with the parent consultation on the delivery of this aspect of the curriculum. It would involve having a look at the school proposals over TEAMS. Anybody who is interested, please email SH-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk with your email address and we can organise a group meeting. Thank you.

Poppies

Each class will have a stock of poppies. Pupils can bring in a donation in order to receive a poppy. Please note that they will drop the donation into a container and no change will be given, so just bring in the right amount you wish to donate.



Children in need and Odd Sock Day

Next Friday 13th is Children in Need Day. We will combine this with Odd Sock Day (which celebrates the differences in us all) and have a non-uniform day on the 13th November where by all means wear odd socks! Children can wear non-uniform; please bring in a donation to the charity to help us raise funds for them. Again, we can't give change, and donation size is whatever you feel is appropriate.

Please remember that with non-uniform, appropriate clothing should be worn: no high heels, make up, inappropriate slogans, toys etc. that could get lost or broken.



Attendance

Please contact us as normal if your child is unwell. A reminder that holidays are not authorised, even rearranged holidays due to COVID. If you have any concerns around attendance our Education Welfare Officer Mrs. Kay Upson is available to speak to – please contact the school office if you want to talk to her about any difficulties you are facing.

The current attendance for the week is:

Whole School	95.45%
Nursery	87.50%
Reception	92.91%
Year 1	98.96%
Year 2	97.62%
Year 3	96.24%
Year 4	94.95%
Year 5	93.45%
Year 6	97.11%



Lunch orders

Please remember to order a lunch for your child or provide a packed lunch.

Parents might not realise that school does not have a “cooking kitchen,” we receive a delivery of lunches just before lunchtime based on what the parents order, usually with a handful of spare lunches. When lots of parents don't order lunches, we simply don't receive enough food to feed all the children who haven't been ordered for. In that case we contact the parents to come to school to provide a lunch to their child. We realise this is really inconvenient in the middle of the working day, so please check that you have ordered a lunch for your child. Thank you.

Pick up at the end of the school day

A polite reminder that school staff cannot transport children to and from their homes. If there are any emergency situations or problems with collection let us know as soon as possible.

We are doing our best to have the site emptied as quickly as possible at the end of the day to enable us to check the site is clean and tidy, so we really need pupils collected promptly. Thank you for your co-operation and help with this.