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Dear parents

Thank you for taking the time to read our school's weekly newsletter.

Collection from school – appropriate supervising person

Your child's safety is our number one concern. We know that parents will support us when we say that we will not release any children into the supervision of anyone (adult or child) at collection if we do not consider them to be in an appropriate state. This includes if we think the person may be intoxicated or behaving in an inappropriate manner towards staff. If this is the case, we will contact another parent for collection. As a parent, please ensure that the person collecting your child is an appropriate person to supervise your children.

Hands, Face, Space

Please support your local community and primary school by **wearing a face covering if you are able to** when coming onto the school site. We need you to continue to restrict the number of adults collecting from school to one. Collection times are generally calm and ordered, we know that parents are trying very hard to be responsible and follow the rules, so a big thank you to you all from school staff.

Please remember that while some people may feel confident in this situation, other families are very nervous. They may be shielding and caring for vulnerable adults or children or may themselves be vulnerable. Thank you for your support.



See Saw app – TEAMS app

Your child's homework is currently coming through the see saw app. Please contact the school if you need any help with accessing and using this. In the event of bubble closure (whole class / whole school) we will initially be delivering home learning through this app.

The Trust has secured funding from the DFE to help us access a more uniform learning platform. Please keep an eye out for further information from school, as we may be moving to a more accessible platform in the near future (TEAMS). Hopefully this will make the process a lot simpler to register pupils and set work all on one platform. More information to follow.

Mrs Broadhurst is phoning parents this week to follow up those who have not responded to our "digital devices" survey. We need this information in order to make sure we can set up remote learning in the event of a closure. Please help us to pull this information together and enable us to be prepared should we need to be.

Attendance

If you need to let us know that your child is unwell, please make sure to let us have enough information so we can keep a record of symptoms and reasons for absence. We are required to do this, and it is especially important in the current situation.

Please note holidays are not authorised. If you are offered a term time holiday as a replacement for a cancelled holiday at another time of the year, this will not be considered a reason for authorised absence and will attract an application for a penalty notice. Please remember that most families (including staff) are in the same situation where they have had cancelled holidays and have had to miss out this year; it is unfortunate but we are all in the same situation. Many pupils have missed so much school over the last year, so we would encourage all parents to think not just about the penalty notice but about the impact of their child missing more school time with a term time holiday.

If you need any help with ensuring regular and punctual attendance for your child, you are welcome to contact the school sh-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk

Our class attendance figures for this week are:	
Nursery	97%
Reception	95.89%
Year 1	94.18%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	98.54%
Year 4	98.97%
Year 5	95.43%
Year 6	97.35%



Photographs

We have made the decision to postpone individual and sibling photographs until at least next term. This is because taking the photographs would be logistically impossible in the current situation. The photographer would normally set up in the school hall, with every pupil coming through the hall one at a time. This would create a situation where we would not be able to maintain bubbles.

We have however been able to take some outdoor, bubble only photographs this week, with the children undertaking some outdoor activities (luckily we had a morning without rain!). We hope to be able to share these with you as our new website is developed over the coming weeks.

Breakfast club

This is up and running and available for you. Please contact the office if you need help with booking places. SH-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk Please make use of this service if you need to.

Parent evenings

Please sign up for a telephone conversation with your child's teacher which will happen next week. These are on a first come first serve basis.

Have a lovely weekend!