

PARENT UPDATE

Dear Families

Thank you very much for the brilliant support you have given your schools. We know the changes are hard work but you have made our jobs much easier with your understanding and support. We want to ensure or the routines and habits are well understood and upheld so that leaders can focus on school improvement and our drive to make teaching the best it can be so learning really moves forward.

THANKS FOR THE THANKS

A number of families took the time to share their appreciation with their school or specific staff. Those kind gestures really made the world of difference. Thank you.

MASKS

Thank you to all the many, many families who have supported our request for adults to wear masks and face coverings on site since 20.10.2020. We really appreciate your support in protecting everyone in our community.

We also recognise that some people feel very strongly against mask wearing. However, it is something that we are requiring and the community largely supports this step to protect each other. If you forget on the very odd occasion please do not panic! Of course, we won't stop you collecting your child.

We know there will be some adults who are exempt from wearing a mask. Please inform a member of staff if you are unable to wear a mask. Please be aware that different members of staff are on duty outside and may not always be aware of this and you may be asked more than once.

If you have a hidden disability which prevents you from wearing a mask you may be interested in getting one of these sunflower lanyards or ID cards to avoid having to continuously explain your situation. Lanyards start at 55p and ID cards are 55p. See link below.

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HALLOWEEN/TRICK or TREATING

Some people have asked our views about trick or treating in COVID times. The popularity of Halloween has increased in the UK over the past 10 years. It is an event that happens out of the school day so we feel parents will make their own decisions. I did find this interesting article which has some tips whatever families decide to do:

<https://theconversation.com/5-tips-for-a-safe-halloween-during-covid-19-and-what-to-do-if-trick-or-treating-is-cancelled-148224>



5 tips for a safe Halloween during COVID-19 — and what to do if trick-or-treating is cancelled

A recent poll conducted by Leger and the Association for Canadian Studies suggests that 52 per cent of parents won't let their children trick-or-treat this year.. Whether you decide to allow ...

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COMPLAINTS

We tried very hard to encourage feedback and open and honest communication. I hope that you feel able to approach staff and school leaders if there is something you are worried about or if something goes wrong. We do have to be realistic that mistakes that can happen in school. We are working very hard to become a strong learning organisation that uses the learning from issues/accidents and events to improve practice all the time.

If you are unable to resolve an issue informally, there is an agreed Evolution Academy Trust policy for managing complaints on the school websites.

KEEPING IN TOUCH IN HALF TERM

Each school will be sending you information about what to do if your child tests positive for COVID19 during the holidays. Bignold and Angel Road Infants have both had confirmed cases. It was very helpful that the families informed us at the earliest opportunity. Good

communication is going to be key to help us work in strong partnership to try and minimise disruption next half term. We genuinely have appreciated excellent parent support.

Wishing you all a very healthy half term; I hope you get to kick beautiful autumn leaves, share lovely stories and enjoy some family time - I wish we didn't have to keep saying it but keep yourselves safe.

Regards

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