

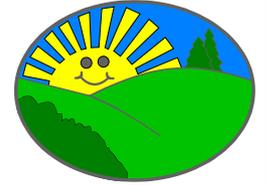


# Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

## Autumn Term Newsletter 3

Monday 21st September 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support with our changed start to the school year so far. It has been a calm start and the children are all well settled in to school. Here are some updates for you:

**Coming in to school:** This is working well so far, and we would encourage all Year 1 and 2 children to be come in by themselves from now on, as they all know where they need to go once they come in at their allotted times. The exceptions to this are still Nursery or F2 children, children with special educational needs as identified by the school and children with medical needs that require close supervision. Class staff will as usual help to bring any anxious children in to school with your support.

**Punctuality:** Unless by special arrangement with the school, all children should be brought to school on time at the allotted times: 8.40am for Year 2, 8.45am for morning Nursery and 30 hour children, 8.50am for Year 1 and 9.00am for F2. The gates will be closed soon after 9am so please make sure your child is in school no later than then.

**Masks:** Unless not able to wear these for medical reasons, parents and carers dropping off and picking up their children should wear masks or face coverings, in order to protect our school community as much as possible. Face masks or face coverings **MUST** be worn when coming in to the office lobby. You may be asked to wait outside if you do not have a face covering.

**Gates:** Please observe the one-way system of orange arrows in the school. Please only enter by the Nursery or main gates, and only exit by Birch Class black gate or the car park gate. Please keep the space outside the school gates clear for children to safely enter the school site. Please keep your child safely with you at all times when exiting the car park at the end of the day and do not let them run between the staff cars or along the flowerbeds there. It has been brought to my attention today that two children were seen doing this, and I will be speaking to the parent of these children.

**Hot school dinners:** Following the successful reintroduction of children to eating meals in year groups that are socially distanced from each other and at staggered times in the school hall, we will start providing hot meals again from Monday 28th September. Please see the new Autumn menu attached. On Thursday 1st October it is Census Day, and there is a special menu for this day, also attached. I hope very much that as many children will start having the hot meals from next week. We are given school funding for every meal taken on Census Day so I hope that as many children as possible will have a school meal on this day.

**Parking:** Please avoid parking on the Byway in front of the school, as the movement of cars around this area is dangerous for children and families walking to school. Please try and walk, cycle or scooter to school as much as possible.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Amanda Turner**  
Headteacher

### Friends of Shinfield Our school fundraising PTA

We have planned some exciting events for this year's fundraising, some completely new and all socially distanced as required. Look out for a special update coming out in next week's newsletter with dates and a chance for your child to decorate their very own ceramic star to hang up at home! Our target this year is to raise £8000 or more for much needed IT equipment in classrooms, for example new visualisers that cost about £150 for each classroom. We also would like to raise money for ipads in Foundation Stage for their Learning Journeys and new interactive touchscreens to replace our old SMARTboards. If you or a company that you work for offer Match Funding or you would like to make a donation to Friends of Shinfield to help us smash our target, or you would just like to help out with a fundraising event, please contact us at [friends@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:friends@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk)

### **What to do if your child is ill or shows any symptoms of COVID-19**

We have been asked to share this link with parents as it is regularly updated by the NHS in line with Government guidance. This site covers most answers to questions parents may have:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

### **Home Learning**

Year 1 and 2 parents please look out for an email with a sort survey about the home learning last term. We are finalising the offer that we will be making but would welcome your feedback on this. Details of the home learning offer in the event of a self isolation, closure of a bubble and closure of the school will be posted up on the Home Learning pages of the school website.

### **Keyworker parents and carers**

In the possible event of another full school lockdown where we are required to provide an offer of education on site for children of keyworker parents and carers, we would like to have an up to date contact list ready. Please can all parents look out for a Keyworker Survey sent out by email.

### **Filming of Virtual School Tour**

If you have not already done so, please respond to the survey sent out asking whether or not you would like your child to be in the filming of this video. We have taken note of all the email responses we have been sent along with the 174+ responses to the survey. Many thanks to all for this great response! This survey method seems to work well!

### **Parenting Support from Lisa Ward our Parent Support Advisor**

Please find attached details of Triple P courses that are being run virtually. If any parents would like a parenting course, this could be the answer at the moment. Lisa will happily put any referrals in.

Lisa will look into how she can offer virtual Triple P in the future. In the meantime Lisa can offer 1 to 1 phone based Triple P. She can also refer to a 6 week personalised course through Parentline.

Please email Lisa at [lward@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:lward@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk) for more details or to make an appointment for a chat.

### **Extend your child's reading**

Please find attached a useful document about how to extend your child's reading. This has been created by two of our staff, Mrs Feeney who is our reading coordinator and Mrs Linkens who is our Year 2 lead teacher. We hope that parents find it helpful.

### **Reading book change protocol September 2020**

To keep everyone safe we are having alter the frequency of how often we change reading books. Books will be changed once a week, and each child will have 2.

They can go home each day and will also be read in school. When they are changed, we will keep them in a box for 72 hours before putting them back in circulation again. This will ensure that there is no cross contamination between year groups.

### **Shinfield Parish Council Children's Competition**

Here is a chance for your child to show how talented they are in art work, writing, gardening and all sorts of activities that they may have been practising at home in lock down! Please see the attached poster for more details.