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Newsletter

We have had new children join the school over recent weeks, which is fantastic and we offer them and their parents / carers a warm welcome.

So, in order to support them, and all of the children in our school, with their learning we are constantly reinforcing positive behaviour through our three school rules:

Ready, Respectful, Safe. It may be that your child comes home and talks about these words or rules and so we thought it was important to explain their context. These rules are reinforced and spoken about in classrooms, weekly assemblies, meetings with parents and are part of every moment of everyday, so they are embedded across the school.

Below are some different examples of how we explain these three rules to the children:

Ready

Ready to learn, ready to listen, ready to look...

Respectful

Respectful of others, respectful of school property, respectful of adults...

Safe

Safe in the classroom, safe walking up and down stairs, safe in the playground...

Each class also has a cake reward system in place and if children demonstrate **Ready, Respectful and Safe** behaviours they move up the cake, and may make it onto the cherry at the top of the cake! They then receive a certificate and sticker from the Head of School, Assistant Head of School or Inclusion Coordinator. We also have recognition boards in classrooms which are used to reward learning behaviours in lessons.

If a child is not following our three school rules, then we have a step by step process to support them back into the desired learning behaviours as follows:

Step 1 – an adult would try to help the child by reminding them of a time when they were able to show being Ready, Respectful or Safe.

Step 2 – The adult would offer a choice – for example first I'll help you with question 1, then you can try the second on yourself, or I would like to do ... now, next we will....

Sanctions – If a child is still not following instructions or showing that they are Ready, Respectful or Safe, they will be asked to move to a different classroom to complete their work and reflect on their behaviour. This would then be logged on our school behaviour system (Behaviour watch).

Time out – After three sanctions in a week there would be a time out where a child would miss some of their break time (depending on their age) to reflect on their behaviours. Parents will be contacted at this point.

RRS day – After two further logs in a week the child would have an RRS day, where they are away from their class and friends for a day, giving them a chance to reflect on their behaviour and we can support how things could change when returning to the classroom. Again, parents will be contacted at this point.

There are some non-negotiable behaviours which may lead straight to a time out or RRS day, such as intentional assault of a child or adult or serious damage to school property. Parents will be contacted.

If you would like further details regarding our behaviour policy, this can be found on our website.

OPERATION ELF

Operation Elf is a Police initiative to provide gift packages to vulnerable children in Plymouth this Christmas. Jan Cutting HLC will be a collection point for any new and unwanted toys, books, sweets, chocolates, games or other items. The deadline for donations is 5th December. Aside from this, our Keyham Community Policing Team are keen to take referrals from our local communities. If anyone wants to refer any clients/families for this, just let me know via email.

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Weekly Attendance 8th—12th November

We are focusing on the children's attendance, as it is so important for their all round development, and will be celebrating this in their weekly assembly.

The expected attendance is 96%. As you can see, we are falling below this and we want to do all we can to support the children in coming to school every day, in order to achieve their full potential

Mondrian	91.1%	Gaudi	93.0%
Kiely	92.7%	Hadid	90.3%
Kahlo	89.1%	Hockney	90.8%
Da Vinci	94.7%		
Monet	93.2%	Total	91.9%
Picasso	90.6%		



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Children in Need

Friday 19th November 2021

The children can wear pyjamas', onesies or mufti (trainers, no slippers please) for a donation to our Children in Need collection.

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To all Parents / Carers

Date: 8th November 2021

My Ref: RH/EF

Your Ref:

Dear Parent / Carer

Thank you for everything you have done to keep your family and your community safe so far during the coronavirus pandemic and for your support for our local schools. Unfortunately the pandemic is not yet over and cases of COVID continue to be high in Plymouth.

In the last few weeks before half term, we have seen a significant rise in the number of children and young people testing positive for COVID and an increase in household transmission of the virus. We are now seeing extreme pressures starting to build on the NHS again. This will impact us all, from the ability to get a GP appointment or indeed have a routine operation.

We can see from our local data that covid easily spreads in households, and so cases in children lead to rising infection rates in adults, and of course older adults tend to be more vulnerable to the effects of both COVID and flu.

As we move forward to winter and start looking forward to a festive season where we can hopefully see our friends and family, I need your help.

Over the weeks and months ahead, I ask all of you to remember that:

- Children and families should continue to regularly take lateral flow tests twice a week. Find out where to get tests here: www.plymouth.gov.uk/gettested
- Children who receive a positive result using a lateral flow test should stay home from school and book a PCR test to confirm their result, even if they do not have symptoms. You can book a test here: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test
- Children who are unwell should stay at home. If the symptoms might be COVID, they should stay home and take a PCR test.

It is also important that we continue to regularly practice the other safety measures that we have all become so used to. Therefore, I ask you to remind your children:

- Of the importance of regular hand washing with soap and water or using hand sanitiser when soap and water are not readily available.



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- "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" messages to encourage children to catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue and dispose of it in the nearest waste bin.
- Encourage your child to wear a face covering if they attend secondary school both in communal areas of the school and when travelling by bus to and from school.

And of course, I urge all families to carefully consider the benefits to your children of being vaccinated against COVID and flu. The Flu vaccination programme will commence in schools shortly, and if your child is aged 12+ they are eligible for the COVID jab. Appointments can be booked at a local venue, including Home Park, go to: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination

It is vitally important that you take care of yourselves as we move into winter. If you haven't had your COVID-19 vaccine yet, or your booster / flu jab if eligible, please don't delay. There are plenty of locations across the city to book an appointment or indeed just walk-in.

Thank you for everything you and all our schools have been doing, we need one last big push now to get through winter, protect the health of the most vulnerable in Plymouth and all look forward to a Christmas we can enjoy.

Stay Healthy



Ruth Harrell
Director of Public Health
Plymouth City Council

Parent Pay

Please remember to pay your accounts in full as soon as possible.

All meals, and breakfast club, should be paid for in advance. If you are having any problems paying, please contact school reception.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Please follow us on our Facebook page - Weston Mill Community Primary .

You can also check our website for latest news, dates and letters.

