



# Finchingfield St John the Baptist C of E Primary Academy Newsletter

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**We grow healthy bodies, loving hearts and inquisitive minds at  
Finchingfield: living 'life in all its fullness' John 10:10**

**Our Christian Values: Reverence Compassion Friendship Peace  
Koinonia Endurance**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great first full week back at school. The children have been incredibly responsible. Thank you for all your support and understanding regarding our new procedures.

Some reminders to ensure we are all fully aware of the changes;

- Children are able to bring a packed lunch, snack, water bottle, school bag (preferably small) and coat. They do not need to bring anything else, as an aid to reducing the risk of virus spread between home and school.
- Wherever possible, all letters and communication will be sent out via our School Ping system.
- Children will bring school reading books home, these will only be read at home and then placed in a 'safe box' for a minimum of 3 days before being cleaned and returned to the stock. This may result in your child occasionally bringing home reading books from a different level than expected as each class has had to now obtain their own stock of books and cannot access the library resources.

Your child will also read at school, from a different book.

Our biggest risk area is arrivals and departures as there are so many people on site. I am monitoring our staggered timings and our entrance options to keep these times as safe as possible. I have been asked by Mike Gogarty, Director of Public Health, to remind you all of the importance of maintaining social distancing, asking for parents to remain 2 metres apart at the school gate and entrances or 1 metre+ with other protective measures.

#### Arrival and Departure:

CLASS	1	2	3
Drop off	09:10	08:45	08:45
Collection	15:05	15:15	15:10
Location	EYFS outdoor area	Playground	Side gate

\*Parents/carers with children in different classes may choose to drop all children off at the earliest child's time.

#### Protocol for Parent/Carers and Children

- Use common sense and stay alert.
- **Only ONE** parent/carer can escort a child to school, if they cannot walk to school on their own.
- **DO NOT** enter the school premises if you have symptoms.
- **DO NOT** enter the school buildings or classrooms without a prior appointment
- **DO NOT** gather at school gates and class doors – always keep a social distance
- **ONLY** collect at the designated times from the designated waiting areas.
- Contact the school office **ONLY** by phone or email.
- Children and visitors **MUST** wash hands on arrival and departure, using either soap or hand sanitiser. This will be repeated frequently throughout the day.
- Children **should** wear school uniform – ties remain optional. **Except** on PE days, where they are asked to wear their PE kit with their school jumper/cardigan and black shoes (school shoes or trainers).
- Face coverings **DO NOT** need to be worn at school – parent/carers may provide their child with a mask for the school journey and for wearing at playtimes **only**, should they wish.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. *Miss M Raymond*

#### Attendance:

This week: 92%

School Target: 95%

#### Key Dates:

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Flu vaccines  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – INSET day

Half Term:  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

Christmas Break:  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Jan (Mon 4th Jan  
– INSET day)