



Carlton
Primary School

Let your light shine!

Head Teacher – Mr Adam Pritchard-Jenkins

School news 25th September 2020

Dear parents

We have come to the end of our 3rd week as staff and pupils settle down into the new routines of school. The transition back into school remains a smooth one in large part to the joint effort of parents, staff and children doing their bit. Thank you for your support and the positive comments that go a long way for staff who are dealing with more intensity and additional duties than normal to maintain bubbles etc.

School dates 20-21 remain unchanged from those shared in the July newsletter.

Autumn: Training day 7th September. Term starts Tuesday 8th September

Training day Friday 23rd October. Half term 26-30th October

Christmas holiday dates – 21st December – 1st January.

Spring: Training day 4th January. Term starts Tuesday 5th January. Half term 15-19th Feb

Easter holiday dates – starts Good Friday 2nd -16th April

Summer: Term starts Monday 19th April. Half term 31st May- 4th June. Training days 26th & 27th July Summer break - end of term Friday 23rd July

Holidays during term time

As a school our attendance is usually excellent, which is a credit to parents doing the right thing and booking holidays outside term time. I appreciate many families have had holiday plans disrupted this year however without significant exceptional circumstance we will not authorise leave during term time.

Some great news from outside school

Congratulations to Carlton Cricket Club under 9 team who have won the Leeds league and managed to beat the winners of the Wetherby league too. In just 7 weeks they won 11 games, drew 1 and lost only 2. Great job Patrick, Tommy, Harry, Cian, Oliver and the rest of the club team! Please do let us know of any children having successes out of school so we can celebrate with the wider school community and encourage others to get involved.

Settling in update

As face to face parent meetings are not possible at the moment all teachers will be sending out a brief update to parents on how their child has settled in and 3 key targets for their learning this term. These updates will be sent out by 16th October.

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Covid symptoms and tests.

It is inevitable that children and staff will develop symptoms which need to be checked out. Across England a very small number of tests come back positive, however we need to remain vigilant and insist on testing if any of these criteria are met.

- Continuous new cough
- Temperature
- Loss of taste and smell

We will continue to hold a firm line for the benefit of the whole community, although we fully appreciate the impact on families when they get the call from school to test a child and isolate as a family awaiting the result. It may be that at some point, like many other schools, we get a positive test in school as the virus becomes more common. We are working hard to minimise cross contamination in school and keep bubbles separate.

The link below is a letter published today for parents from the Department of Health

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child/letter-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child>

Parent Letter from Leeds City director of Children and Family services

We have been asked to pass on the letter attached. Leeds is responding to increased Covid cases across the city in all areas and communities. Parents and families can do their bit at home and especially on the school run to distance and avoid contacts with other households to reduce risks personally, to our community and help school staff to be better protected.

Our Carlton school run

On the whole this is going really well, however there are some reminders.

- Please do not turn up early it causes congestion!
- If waiting, please stand against the hedge so others can pass safely. Where possible keep moving to avoid bottlenecks at the gates and outside school.
- Only Year 5&6 pupils **who walk to school by themselves** should be entering school through what is now the OUT gate. This is to avoid them crossing the road. All other children with parents should join the one way system no matter how tempting it must be to let kids in. We need to distance and reduce congestion.
- Some parents have commented about congestion on pavements and outside the Post Office. Again please distance and be considerate of others. Please park away from school and do not gather obstructing pavements.
- I have reminded staff to keep 2m from parents as I have spotted some closer conversations. Please do keep to 2m – we can move away into a space if you need to talk to us without being overheard, alternatively e-mail/phone. Please do not be offended if staff recoil to a safer distance or use a mask/ face shield.





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Contacting school

These are strange times with less personal contact with teachers. As normal we do want parents to contact us to pass on anything important. We have created a new set of emails to try and help parents communicate to the right place:

Communication	E-Mail	Response
For parents passing on pupil absence, pastoral issues, important message for staff	office@carltonprimaryschool.co.uk	Monitored Office hours. Response same day
Classroom, Teaching and Learning enquiry. Non urgent message for teachers	earlyyears enquiries@carltonprimaryschool.co.uk keystage1enquiries@carltonprimaryschool.co.uk keystage2enquiries@carltonprimaryschool.co.uk	Response usually within 24hrs
The Den	theden@carltonprimaryschool.co.uk	Monitored when the Den is open
Contractors, outside agencies. Parental confidential matters	enquiries@carltonprimaryschool.co.uk	Monitored Office hours.

Wishing you a happy, safe and increasingly distanced weekend!

Regards

Adam Pritchard-Jenkins

