



# Kirkby Church of England Primary School

“Building on a tradition of achievement and values in a caring environment”

21st October 2020

Dear Parents,

A quick reminder that we break up for half term tomorrow Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 3-3.20pm. I can only express my thanks for your continued support in very difficult circumstances. Whilst 3 classes have been affected by closures we have managed to keep the remaining 8 classes open and this is a credit to the children and staff who have adapted to our new routines brilliantly. Obviously it is vitally important that we continue with these routines after half term in order to reduce possible infections. One of my main concerns is that I am aware that some children have been brought to school by a family member who is awaiting a test result. This jeopardises everyone's health, I can't state how important it is that if anyone from your household has had a test they and the rest of the family should isolate until the results of the test are known.

As you are aware our parent app has a feature where you can notify school of an absence and whether anyone in your household has gone for a test. Thank you to all the parents who have used this application. You must still continue to notify school if any child or family member tests positive over the half term holiday as we obviously have a duty of care to all the other children in their class and we would inform their parents of the need to self-isolate.

The provision of breakfast and after school club continues to be an issue for us as we don't want to mix children from different class bubbles within the building. The high infection rate continues to be a concern for us and consequently we will not be opening up breakfast and after school club after half term. This will be reviewed again in 4 weeks. Our main priority continues to be to provide education as uninterrupted as possible for all our children in as safe environment as we can. We will therefore continue to open our doors at 8.40am-9am to allow all parents to stagger the drop off's. However, as the end of the day routine is now in place and parents are keeping a 2 m distance we are altering the collection times slightly. **Reception children can now be picked up between 3.00-3.10pm and Classes 1 -9 from 3.10-3.20pm. Nursery hours are as follows:** 8.40-9am All day & Morning children Drop off. Morning Nursery Hometime 11.40-11.50am. Afternoon Nursery Drop off 12.00-12.10pm. Nursery Hometime: 2.50p.m-3.10pm.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by email on [mair.hindmarsh@kirkbyce.co.uk](mailto:mair.hindmarsh@kirkbyce.co.uk)

Stay safe and well and see you back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Kind regards,

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