

23rd September 2021

Primary Week Ending 23rd September 2021

Dear Community,

Well...no one can say that we haven't come back to school and got straight into the swing of the new academic year. From our school swimming gala to a fantastic overnight trip at the planetarium for the Y5s (the first since the pandemic began), it's been an amazing couple of weeks. My personal highlight, along with the amazing themed mornings at the front of the school, was when I met with the VIPs (year 6 students) who led a meeting on some important agenda points and offered solutions to a few concerns they had.

Masterclasses

Masterclasses have kicked off with a bang, with students taking part in on-site activities such as water polo and theatrical performing arts as well as off-site activities such as diving and golf. It is not too late to sign up for the off-site activities in years 3 - 6, if you would like your child to take part please sign up using the GEMS Connect app.

New Classes opened

Our school is growing and this week, we welcomed Miss Yasmin (Y6J) and Miss Debbie (FS2H) to our teaching team. Miss Yasmin and Miss Debbie both join our school with many years of teaching experience behind them. The children have really enjoyed getting to know Mrs Yasmin and Miss Debbie over the past few days and I know that they are both incredibly excited about joining our staff team and working with our amazing children Welcome to the team Miss Yasmin and Miss Debbie!

Uniform

It is great to see that students are now in full school uniform and I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding with the delay in stock. We are still waiting for the PE shirt in some colours, but we hope this will be in stock by the end of the month. Below is a photo of students who are wearing the correct uniform which is expected for all students by the first week of October.



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Unisex PE



Girls Juniors



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Infants

Student access to remote learning

We now have most students in school, with very few accessing their learning remotely. To ensure there is consistency across the school, teachers have been informed of the following:

- **If a child has been in showing symptoms of covid**, they can access virtual lessons whilst they wait for their test result. If the child has covid, they can access their lessons virtually if they feel well enough to do so.
- **If a child has been a close contact of a positive case**, they need to quarantine for 7 days from the date of close-contact. They can access virtual lessons whilst quarantining.
- **If a child is unwell, i.e. vomiting**, then they are sick and so no remote learning will be available. Teachers will upload their lesson materials to GEMS classroom so the student can catch-up when they are feeling better.
- **If a child has a physical medical issue, i.e. broken leg**, then a doctor's note (if absence from school is required) should be sent to the LEAD teacher. No remote provision is provided, unless the teacher is online anyway for children who are quarantining. Teachers will upload their lesson materials to GEMS classroom.
- **If a child is out of the country for a few days**, then the LEAD teacher will require an e-mail from parent as to length of travel and reason. Absence due to travel is not allowed after 3rd October unless you have approval from the KHDA. There will be no remote provision provided unless agreed otherwise by the Headteacher.

If your child has returned to school they cannot suddenly choose to go online. Online learning will only be available until the end of September, after which parents will have to provide an attested DHA

medical certificate/KHDA approval. This process has been put in place to support the teachers and students, and to encourage students to be in school.

Upcoming Key Dates

27.09.21	Tapestry Workshop for FS Parents
28.09.21	Happy Meet – CANCELLED new date to confirm.
30.09.21	Infant school virtual coffee morning – share a star and a wish with the infant school leaders. 8.30am – 9.30am (Please see the SWAY for the link)
4.10.21	Dyslexia Awareness Day Care and support virtual coffee morning
5.10.21	World Teachers Day Primary Parental Engagement Evenings
6.10.21	Year 1 Phonics Workshop Primary Parental Engagement Evenings

As always, we welcome your feedback and I look forward to meeting many of you during the upcoming 'Virtual Infant Coffee Morning' on the 30th September.

Kind regards

Tara Foster

Primary Headteacher

