



Friday 25th September 2020

Nursery

All the children have been phased into our nursery (Lower Foundation) over the first couple of weeks. This has really helped them to settle in and get to know their new class. It is lovely to see the new friendships the children have already made and how busy they all were when I visited this week!

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%. Congratulations to Year 4 for once again achieving 100% attendance last week.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
98%	96.59%	92.09%	97.20%	100%	88.38%	97.78%	95.65%

Library

Unfortunately, the children won't be able to visit the school's library at the moment because we need to keep reading books within the same class "bubble". Your child will still bring home an Oxford Reading Tree book so that they can read regularly at home.

Reading continues to be a focus for development for the academy this year and it is important that we encourage our children to read for pleasure. The local library in Hemsworth has reopened. A visit to this library is a great way for our children to read new books. The library is open until 4pm on Monday and Thursday and from 9:30am till 1pm on Saturday.

Mental Health

Most families have experienced upheaval in their daily lives during the Covid-19 pandemic. With children now back at school, Public Health England has launched a new campaign called Every Mind Matters. The campaign, which is supported by the NHS, provides tips and advice to help children's mental wellbeing. The campaign also aims to give parents and carers the knowledge to support their children.

The new advice is available on the Every Mind Matters website which is <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

The website has been developed in partnership with leading children and young people's mental health charities, including [Young Minds](#), [The Mix](#), [Place2Be](#) and [The Anna Freud Centre](#). The website is designed to help parents and carers spot the signs that children may be struggling with their mental health and how to support them. The site also offers advice that can help maintain good mental wellbeing. It provides tools to help young people build resilience and shows them how to look after their mental health.

Term-Time Holidays

Holidays during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. If you think your circumstances are exceptional, you can fill in a holiday form before the planned holiday. We will not authorise any forms that are received after the holiday has been taken. The Local Authority may also give you a fixed penalty notice if you take your child out of school for a holiday in term time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

