



# Newsletter

10.06.2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and safe at home and you are able accessing the Online Learning Programme.

I continue to be amazed at all the staff at Meon Infant School for their dedication and commitment to the children of Key Workers who have been accessing our provision over the last few weeks and in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to stress the need for your children to be at home if this is at all possible for their safety and the safety of the staff.

This week we saw the first phase into School Based Learning for Year R children. The drop off and pick up went really well and I thank you for abiding by the social distancing measures put in place by the school caretaker. I am sure you are aware that we have spent many hours preparing for these children to return to School Based Learning and I would like to remind you of some of the rules we need to abide by to keep the Staff and Children as safe as we can:

## This list is by no means exhaustive and applies to all children attending school

- Please adhere to the drop off and collection times as it is vital that we have clear gaps in between each island. Please leave a clear space in the playground at home time and your child will be sent out to you.
- Please adhere to the queuing system.
- Please ensure you leave immediately you have dropped off via the Crofton Road Gate
- Only 1 parent may come into the playground.
- Please ensure your child is already wearing their wristband on arrival at school.
- 24 hours notice is required if you wish to either withdraw your child or send them in for the first time.
- Face masks are not permitted (see item below). (Staff will only wear PPE when dealing with medical issues).
- Clean clothes to be worn each day – with sensible shoes in which they can run around as NO PE kit is required.
- Packed lunch can be provided by the school however, if you wish to provide your own please ensure it comes in in a disposable bag which can be thrown away after lunch.
- No bookbags etc. to come into school. ONLY a water bottle, sunhat/jumper/coat, packed lunch (if supplying own).
- Please send your child in with a water bottle.
- No books will be sent home but you can access books on-line (see below)
- If you wish to speak to the teacher please phone the office and we will arrange for the teacher to get back to you. Teachers are unable to hold discussions with parents at drop off or collection times.
- Children who do not adhere to the school rules e.g. behaviour, social distancing, remaining on own "island" will be asked to stay at home.
  
- Please can I remind you that if you are not intending to collect your child yourself (or the usual person is not), can you send in a note to the class teacher for the relevant days. As you know we are very aware of the need for caution where young children are concerned and, therefore, "challenge" any "stranger" collecting children. I hope you will agree that it is in both yours and our best interest to ensure that everyone is informed of changes in the normal routine. In the case of an emergency please telephone the office to notify us of any change.
  
- If you have any concerns please feel free to email the school and there will always be someone to answer the phone during the school day ([office@meoninfantschool.org.uk](mailto:office@meoninfantschool.org.uk)) .



## FSM VOUCHERS:

For parents who continue to keep their child at home the FSM vouchers scheme will continue. However, once you decide to send your child to school these will cease as your child will receive a free packed lunch each day.



## HOME READING

I hope you are continuing to access the Home Reading with your child. It is a whole school reading programme that will support your child to learn to read and to love reading. It has a huge variety of levelled books to support a journey from phonics to fluency, with levelled books that offer challenge, vocabulary and stamina as your child works through the bands. The books are all bright and modern and there is plenty of variety to interest all the children.



All you have to do is click on the link below, select Meon Infant School and enter the appropriate details (as below) for your child's year group. You will then be able to explore a wealth of books and materials which are matched to your child's ability which will also provide a wide range of reading experiences.



Our chosen scheme is **Collins Big Cat** but you are welcome to investigate other books also. We would encourage the children to read the books themselves. For this they can turn the pages and by pressing the play/pause button this will mute the sound. The younger children may wish to have the story read to them first and then try to read it.

<https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/defaultlogin.aspx>,

### Year R Login details:

Date of Birth: 02 February

First letter of Surname: A

Year Group F

### Year 1 Login details:

Date of Birth: 01 January

First letter of Surname: A

Year Group 1

### Year 2 Login details:

Date of Birth: 03 March

First letter of Surname: A

Year Group 2

## MILK BOTTLE TOPS

We are still collecting MILK BOTTLE TOPS (only) which will be used to support a Children's Cancer Charity. So, please continue to save them and you can bring them in when we are back at school. Please make sure you wash them and put them in a safe place.



## ACCESSING THE PROVISION:

For parents wishing to access the key worker provision and we have not had a registration form the School will need to have 24 hours' notice of any new child using the provision and at this present time it is still for Key Worker Parents, vulnerable children and those with an EHC Plan only. However I would like to stress for the safety of all to please children can stay at home wherever possible.

## ON-LINE LEARNING:

We will continue to put activities on the website and the children will be able to access weekly learning which has been planned by the Teachers. I hope you enjoy seeing our Face Book page and the You Tube account that can be accessed by the children and we hope to set up challenges and fun videos for the children to view. The activities can be adapted to suit your child and breaks during the day are essential but will be left to your discretion. Please feel free to email the school and send pictures and feedback regarding the activities – [office@meoninfantschool.org.uk](mailto:office@meoninfantschool.org.uk) Can I please remind you that the school continues to consider parent's wishes regarding their choices of whether they would or would not like their child's photo to be on Social Media, however if you wish this to happen please could you give your permission in the email if you are happy for that particular picture of your child to go on the Face Book page.

I have had some feedback from parents regarding some of the on-line learning and the teachers and I fully take into account that some parents, especially the ones who are still working, do have limitations on time and find it difficult to complete all the activities. Please can I reassure everyone that we are happy for parents to do what they can do even if it is just the on-line reading. The school are posting the work earlier and hope this is working better for you all.

An text/email will be sent to all parents when we are ready to roll on the website – [www.meoninfantschool.org.uk](http://www.meoninfantschool.org.uk) Scroll down and on the right hand side under Quick links you will see the Home Learning Tabs for each year group. Click on this and you should be able to access the on-line learning there.

**Please can you let the office know if you are not receiving regular texts or emails as we may have the incorrect email address for you which can be easily rectified.**

In the near future the school will be trying a new platform for our on-line learning and it is called Seesaw. This will give an opportunity for Teachers and children to receive feedback throughout the week. When we are ready to launch this new platform I will let you know.



Unfortunately at this time we are not able to send out paper copies of homework.

## FACE COVERINGS:

As you know, we are focused on ensuring we keep our school community as safe as possible. During our planning for some children to return to school based learning we have been clear that we are not scientists nor medical practitioners and will follow government guidance on how to keep our community safe. The government guidance is as follows: "Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other educational settings is not recommended".

**Therefore, at our school children will not wear facemasks.**

If parents are not comfortable with their child returning to school without a facemask or, due to any other reason, then they can keep their child at home and they can continue to engage with our school's distance learning offer. At this time the government is encouraging parents to send their children back to school, however, there is no consequence for parents choosing to keep their child at home.

The government guidance is as follows: "Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time".

The full government guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june#if-my-child-is-eligible-is-it-compulsory-for-them-to-attend-school>



**IN THE EVENT OF SICKNESS:** For children who have returned to school.



If your child becomes unwell at any point we have to be very stringent that they DO NOT return to school until completely well and in the case of sickness at no sooner than 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. If sickness continues beyond this we ask that you seek medical advice. Also any symptoms of coronavirus for any member of your family should be reported to the school immediately and a test undertaken. Thank you.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

I have added to the website under this newsletter 2 government documents:

- **TOP 10 TIPS**
- **TRIPLE P PARENTING COVID GUIDE**

for your information.



### HAPPY NEWS:

In the coming weeks we are looking to provide a Web Page for our New Year R children starting in Sept. It will give the parents and children a virtual taste of the school and they will get a virtual tour and meet their Teacher. We will email parents when this is ready to view.



### FUTURE NEWS:

These are very uncertain times and news is filtered through to us but sometimes with little notice, so I would ask that you be patient and we can adapt to this new way of working together to make it safe for all.

As you will know the decision for other year groups i.e. Y1 & Y2 to return to school before September has now been retracted by the Government.



### AND FINALLY....

I would like to thank you all for your support over the last few weeks and the weeks to come and I am sure we will be together soon.



*Everyone at Meon Infants send their love to you all - be kind and stay safe*

Kind Regards

*Lynda Daish*



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