



# Simmondley Primary School

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks seem to be flying by and we can't believe it is October already. We have started Hot Chocolate Friday again and it was lovely to see all the children enjoying their treat for 'going above and beyond' showing 'Kindness' this week. Well done to everyone on their class recognition and shout out boards too. We are very proud of you. We have also seen many of our children keeping our school rules by being Kind, Ready and Safe so well done.

Drop off arrangements are going really well now so thank you everyone for a great team effort. Please remember that we ask that only one adult must enter the school site per family and all adults must remain 2 metres apart at all times. Please ensure that children remain with their adult at all times and leave the playground and move away from the school site immediately after collecting their children. ***Please could we also ask that you do not stand around talking on the pavement outside school as there have been instances of parents not being able to socially distance as they are being blocked by others trying to enter the school site.*** Although we are a school that love our four legged friends, Derbyshire County Council does not allow dogs on their school sites whether on foot or carried by their owner.

Thank you for your support and patience in helping us to get all our children in and out and keep everyone safe.

Please contact the school office via telephone or email [enquiries@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk) if you wish to pass a message on that a teacher needs to know urgently in the morning or use class emails to communicate with us if it is a general question or concern.

We sent out login details a few weeks ago for Google Classroom for Y1 to Y6 children. The Google Classroom launch letter with login details can be found on our school website under the News section. ***Please can you make sure that you have accessed the Simmondley Hub as we will be uploading some homework to it from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.*** Please contact school if you have any problems.

Please could I ask that at this time that children only bring a ***fresh piece of fruit*** as a snack into school.

We are currently in the process of reviewing our Pupil Premium Plans and will share them with those families whose children are in receipt of the Grant before half term.

Please let us know if your circumstances have changed and you meet the following criteria to see if your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding. This is NOT the same as Free Schools Meals in KS1 and generates much needed additional funding for school.

Registering for PUPIL PREMIUM can raise an extra £1,345 per pupil for our school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff, access to music and the Arts, residential and after school activities. PLEASE APPLY IF YOU THINK YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE.

1) Is your joint family income under £16,190 per year?

2) If not, are you in receipt of any of the benefits listed below?

- Income Support?
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance?
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance?
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration/ Asylum Act?
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit?
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190?
- Working Tax Credit run-on?
- Universal Credit?

If you answered yes to either of the above, then please come to us immediately. If you are eligible, rest assured that the information is confidential. We are very discreet - even your child will not know that you have registered – let alone anyone else. Help us to help your child.

Parent Consultations will take place week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. These will be short 5 minute telephone appointments which will focus on how children have reconnected to school and their learning. We will follow up after half term if there are any significant gaps in learning and parents will be contacted by their child's teacher if this is the case. We are in the process of finalising the online booking system which will be available in the next few weeks.

***Please note school finishes for the half term on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and reopens on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November as Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November are Staff training days.***

Thank you so much for your continued support and kindness. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Greaves

Headteacher

Mrs Ellison

Deputy Headteacher

