



# Simmondley Primary School

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another wonderful week in school and our whole school attendance has been 99% again which is another great achievement by the whole of our community. It was lovely to see the children chosen by the staff enjoying their Hot Chocolate today for 'going above and beyond' showing 'Friendship' 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 thank you. If our new families would like to know more about Hot Chocolate Friday and our rewards and sanctions, please read our amended Behaviour Policy on our Website under Key Information under Policies. Here is a reminder also of our core framework which reflects our vision for our school.

## **Vision - Caring Hearts, Aspiring Minds**

### **Mission - To go above & beyond, to encourage & inspire**

#### **Core Values**

- Kindness
- Happiness
- Teamwork

#### **Our Rules**

- Be Kind
- Be Ready
- Be Safe

Drop off arrangements are going really well now so thank you everyone for a great team effort.

***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.***

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

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Knowles and the cleaning team for all their hard work in providing our enhanced cleaning across the school day and for helping to keep us safe. They are doing a magnificent job and we are most appreciative of everything they are doing.

A warm welcome to Mrs Fogell, Mrs Barnes and Miss Dyson who have joined our team supporting our catch up interventions across school

It is a monumental task serving lunches on a staggered basis starting at 11.45 and finishing at 1pm and we would like to say thank you to the whole midday team for their kindness and dedication serving lunches and looking after the children over the dinnertime break. Thank you to Sue Bradley and the kitchen staff too. Having reviewed the dinner menu with Derbyshire Catering Team, we will be switching back to the hot dinner menu after half term although in class dining will continue. Please look out for the new menu which will be uploaded to our website. We will let you know when it is available.

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. Spellings are now being uploaded to it so please contact school if you have any problems.

Could we ask that at this time that children only bring a ***fresh piece of fruit*** as a snack into school. Also no sweets for the whole class to be given out on birthdays.

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.

A reminder that we are using the ***School Jotter app*** which you can download from the ***app store*** to receive the latest updates about our school. This app can be used to view the latest school news, calendar, events and more, all updated regularly and available at your fingertips.

We are in the process of finalising our Remote Contingency Plan and will share that with you before half term. This will outline our provision to continue to provide remote learning in the event of a bubble closure or individual or a group of children isolating.

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 week.

***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

Mrs Ellison

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

