



Friday 6th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another wonderful week in school and despite some children having to isolate our whole school attendance has been 98 % 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' for being 'Cheerful' 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.

In line with new government guidance some of our staff are now working from home until the 2nd December, we have supply teachers who will be working within the classes affected from Monday 9th November. They will be working closely with the class teachers who will be remote teaching as and when it is appropriate. We hope you can appreciate this is a constantly changing situation and we are doing our best with the resources and funding (which has not been increased) available to us but this may change some teaching provisions for some children during this period.

Classes that are effected will be notified via email today. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Next week we will be planning our Christmas activities in school which we know will be very different under the current circumstances. We want to make it as enjoyable as possible for our children and will send arrangements and dates out to you in the coming weeks. We have some very exciting news in that our wonderful Parents Association have used funds raised to buy a virtual pantomime for the whole school so children will be able to access it, if they are isolating at home.(More details to follow)

Pick up and Drop off reminders: One adult only per family who must remain two metres apart from other adults on site. Face coverings must be worn unless exemption applies. Please keep moving, leaving immediately away from the school site. All messages to staff via email/telephone to the office.

Please visit our website for the Covid 19 Related Education Contingency Measures. This can be found in the Parents Section.

The plan outlines our provision to continue to provide remote learning in the event of a bubble closure or individual or a group of children isolating.

Please contact the school office via telephone or email enquiries@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk if you wish to pass a message on that a teacher needs to know urgently in the morning.

Only use class emails to communicate with us if it is a general question or concern. If you are using the class email for questions and concerns, staff will respond in line with our policy in that they will acknowledge your concern within 24 hours Monday to Friday within working hours and reply to you as soon as they are able to, that is usually within 2 days. Teachers are not directed to check emails first thing in the morning as they are preparing resources for their class and setting up for the day.

All absences need to be reported through absences@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk as these are monitored outside of school hours. Not by leaving a telephone message which we are not able to access off site.

As the weather becomes wetter and colder, please ensure your child has a full set of waterproofs which can be worn over a coat, fleece, warm tights or trousers and a set of wellies in school at all times, hat and gloves. **(Please make sure everything is labelled with your child's name.)**

School continues to operate under all statutory Health and Safety requirements regarding staffroom and classroom temperature with regards the heating being on all day although as part of the DFE control measures and a directive from Derbyshire Health and Safety we are not allowed to have stagnant air and so windows and doors are open to ensure adequate ventilation.

Thank you once again for your continued support and kindness. It really is lovely for staff to hear positive messages and receive your appreciation. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Greaves

Mrs Ellison

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

