



Friday 20th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another wonderful week in school and 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' and having the most mentions on their Shout Out Boards. We have also seen many of our children keeping our school rules by being Kind, Ready and Safe. We also enjoyed wearing Odd Socks on Monday, when children and adults celebrated what makes us all unique.

Please visit our website for the updated Covid 19 Risk Assessment which includes changes to reflect the current National lockdown. In continuing to support our whole community effort to keep school open for all our pupils, it would be most appreciated if you could remain 2 metres apart & wear a face covering (unless you are exempt) when you are queuing outside the school site at drop off & pick up.

Pick up and Drop off reminders: ***On entering the site, please use the yellow markers on the ground to maintain distance from other adults.*** One adult only per family who must remain two metres apart from other adults on site. Face coverings must be worn unless exemption applies. Once you have collected your child please do not stop to speak to other parents, ***leave the school site immediately.*** All messages to staff need to be sent via email/telephone to the office.

Our Snow Plan has been updated and in the event of inclement weather where we are not able to open our site in line with the current Covid 19 Risk Assessment, we will switch to Scenario F of the Remote Education Contingency Measures using Google Classroom for Teaching and Learning and the school site will be closed. We will inform you by 7am if this is the case by text and by notification on the website.

It would be lovely if you could start to learn the Christmas songs with your children that have been uploaded to Google Classroom. We are looking forward to our outdoor Christmas Sing- a -long later in the term. We will be sending out a letter next week detailing dates for Christmas events in school.

Reminder - the school car park is for staff use only. Please do not use the car park gate as a pedestrian entrance either, especially for Sunrise and Sunset Club as staff will be entering and leaving in vehicles during this time. We only use the one-way system at drop off and pick up for the whole school. It is safer for Sunrise and Sunset to use the main pedestrian entrance and blue path alongside the building to enter and exit, as the numbers of adults and children are much lower at this time and so can socially distance.

The time has come for you to apply for a reception place for children born between 1/9/2016 and 31/8/17. You must apply by midnight on Friday 15th January 2021 for a reception place at infant/ primary school for September 2021. Full information at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions. Please see our website for our virtual tour and let anyone know who might be interested.

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.)**

Thank you once again for your continued support and kindness and a great community effort. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Greaves

Mrs Ellison

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher