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Our January Value is Tolerance

Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID 19 Update – Our Local Area

Looking at the weekly COVID 19 statistics for Bedford Borough there is a very small drop in the numbers so, if we all keep following the Tier 5 guidance and once the vaccinations begin to get taken up this should improve further. In the meantime, please remember to keep each other as safe as possible by staying in, saving lives and protecting our NHS.

Please see the Bedford Borough Weekly Statistics as an attachment to this newsletter.

Remote Learning

Thank you for all of your amazing work at home learning remotely with your children. We fully understand the pressure this has placed upon parents and families with several children all learning at home and trying to access a variety of websites simultaneously. We are extremely grateful for your patience when systems 'crash' due to the volumes of parents up and down the country trying to use the same websites. We are at the end of the telephone if you require any support navigating your way around Jotter Learn. Office staff now have log in codes in order to talk you through any problems you may have.

Please be aware that all class teachers are teaching a full day in their class bubble as well as managing the remote learning for their class. Therefore, please be patient when you send in an email request to your child's class teacher as they will respond to you when they are able to do so. If your question can be answered by someone in the office then please direct your request there in order to support teachers with their immense workload.

Please aim to complete a minimum of 3 hours of remote learning a day per child where this is possible. One Oak Academy Maths lesson, an English task and one other activity. Early Years children in Reception can use their Learn Book to upload their photographs of their learning. Please aim to upload three photographs or videos each day. Class teachers will monitor your child's daily engagement with remote learning so upload your child's learning daily.

Places in School

As we stated in last week's newsletter, in order to reduce the transmission of COVID 19 within our community we asked that you only requested a 'critical/key worker' place on the days when; it is crucial for you to undertake your critical role, there is no other childcare at

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home and you cannot support your child with remote learning from home. Thank you everyone for supporting us with this system. We are keeping our number of spaces available to a minimum whilst accommodating 'critical/key worker' and vulnerable children. If, at anytime during these restrictions, your family circumstances change then you must notify the office immediately.

Parental Conduct

Unfortunately, we have experienced a couple of incidents between parents outside the school gate which are not in line with the values of our school and these have been witnessed by our children. Please can I ask that parents speak to each other with respect, refrain from running their engine, using foul language and smoking with their car window open whilst waiting outside school in the parking bays. It is not healthy for other parents and their children, waiting in the queue, to be inhaling these fumes. Thank you.

Get Help with Technology Internet Access

As we mentioned last week, the government are enabling increased data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children. This is so that children can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted. We have been informed that we are able to request mobile data increases for children who:

- Do not have fixed broadband at home.
- Cannot afford additional data for their devices
- Are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education.

Children with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit: Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, O2, Tesco Mobile and Sky Mobile.

Information about different network's offers can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

Please [click here](#) to view the Privacy Policy established in regard to this opportunity.

If you think you may qualify for the increased data allowance please email the Office with these details,

- your child's name
- the account holders name for the mobile device
- the mobile telephone number
- your network provider (at present it needs to be either Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, O2, EE, Tesco or Sky Mobile)
- whether you pay monthly or pay as you go (PAYG)
- confirm that you have read the privacy statement (link above).

Please see table below for diary dates for this term. Any **changes** or **additions** will be in **red** type.

Spring Term 2021	
Monday 1 st February	CHUMS – Shine Bright Wear Bright Week
Friday 5 th February	Shine Bright Wear Bright Dress Up Day Number Day
Tuesday 9 th February	Safer Internet Day
Monday 15 th February	HALF TERM HOLIDAYS
Monday 15 th March	Parent Consultations Week: dates + times TBC
Monday 29 th March	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Summer Term 2021	
Monday 12 th April	TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 13 th April	Children Back to school

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<u>Governing Board Meetings</u>
Thursday 21 st January
Thursday 25 th February
Thursday 25 th March
Thursday 13 th May
Thursday 10 th June
Thursday 15 th July

Thank you for your continued support.
 Keep safe.
 Kind regards,

Mrs Horobin

Headteacher