



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School

*Our Christian Value this half term is Respect*



## **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Welcome back. It has been so fantastic this week to finally have everyone back in school and have our Middleforth family back together again. We have loved catching up with you and welcoming you back to school. We have missed you all so much. The children settled in so quickly and school feels brilliant! Thank you so much to you all for the amazing way you have handled the new arrangements for coming in and out of school in a morning and worked with us whilst we try and find the best way to do this. Wednesday night in the rain was definitely the low point of this week! We have realised the system isn't working as well as it did when we did it on paper with the risk assessment so next week we are going to change the plan slightly to try to make things a little smoother. Thank you so much for your patience with us. New arrangements are explained below.

## **New collection arrangements from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

**Nursery** if you wish to collect your nursery child along with their siblings at an earlier time to avoid waiting until 3.3pm, please inform us so we can put arrangements in place.

### **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

Arrangements will remain the same. Please collect from the infant gate at the later time for your family.

### **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**

Parents walk up the car park (this will be closed to vehicles during this time) and go onto the playground where children will be lined up by year group. Please go to your child's year group zone and maintain social distancing from each other. Children will be sent to you and you should then please walk down the bike path together.

### **Siblings**

Please first of all collect your infant children from the infant gate. Then can you please make your way up to the playground to collect the key stage 2 children at the later time.

Can we please politely ask you to not gather on the playground or near to the gates to avoid congestion. Please can we ask that just one adult collects children.

Please remember that we do not allow dogs on the school site.

### **School News**

This year I will continue to be working to support another school. From September this has now been formalised to be 2 days a week. This is a temporary secondment to that school for the two days which will usually be Tuesday and Thursday, but may change according to the needs of either school. In order to ensure there is no detrimental impact on Middleforth, we have employed Miss Clare Collins in the role of learning mentor/family support worker and she will be taking over all of my work as safeguarding lead which will include working with children's social care for anyone on a CIN plan, CP plan or looked after children, which has been taking up to two days a week of my time.

In addition, Mr Swindells will be acting Headteacher in my absence and will be in school to manage the day to day running of the school on those days. He will continue to be class teacher in year 5 but will have more release time to fulfil this role. When he is not in class his class will have Mrs Garner teaching them.

### **Home School Agreement, Image Consent, Educational Visits & Food Tasting**

A set of letters has been sent home with the children tonight. Please could you read them, complete and sign where needed and return them to school next week. Children in Reception class will only have had the Educational Visits/Food Tasting letter as they returned the other forms as part of their induction paperwork.

### **School Meal Bookings – ParentPay**

Please can you ensure that school meals are booked as far in advance as possible. The kitchen need to have the number to place orders, which is especially important during these times when supplies can still be limited.

Apologies to parents of Reception class children. Unfortunately, the new term update for ParentPay has not yet happened due to a problem with the program. Our new children haven't yet been imported from our database and we are working with ParentPay support to have this resolved as quickly as possible. For the time being we will continue to take orders from the children when they arrive in the morning. As soon as the system is running as it should be, we will send account activation letters home along with details of how to book meals for your child.

### **Wraparound Care**

Thank you all for adhering to the rules of booking a week in advance, this has been incredibly helpful and made such a difference in planning our staffing numbers. Please can you continue do this as we make our plans every Friday afternoon for the week following. Breakfast and After School clubs are booked online via ScoPay. It is best to avoid using the app and going directly to the webpage.

### **Attendance/Absences**

Please can we remind you of the importance in contacting school if your child is going to be absent on a school day. If your child is going to be absent due to illness, you must contact the office before 9.00am. If you are reporting outside of school hours or the phonenumber is busy, you can email, text or leave a message on the answerphone. If we have not heard from or been able to make contact with a parent/carer at the time of registration, we are obliged by LCC to report that child as missing.

If your child is going to be absent from school for a medical appointment, please advise the office of the date and time. Ideally, making appointments outside of school hours would be advisable, however, where this is unavoidable we need advance notification.

If you are taking your child out of school for any other reason, such as a holiday or celebration etc, you must complete a LCC leave of absence form which are available from the school office.

### **Newsletters**

Please can we remind parents of the importance of reading the weekly newsletter. A copy is emailed to all our families every week, it contains information about key dates and events in school. Many of the queries we receive in the office can be answered just by consulting your newsletter.

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday

*Mrs Adams*



## Term Dates

### **AUTUMN TERM 2020**

Re-open on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020  
School closes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 at 3.15pm  
Mid Term Closure Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Re-open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020  
School closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 2.00pm

### **SPRING TERM 2021**

Re-open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
School closes on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 3.15pm  
Mid Term Closure Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 February 2021  
Re-open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021  
School closes on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 2.00pm

### **SUMMER TERM 2021**

Re-open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
May Day Closure Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021  
School closes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 3.15pm  
Mid Term Closure Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
School reopens on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
School closes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 2.00pm