

**Head Teacher**

Miss Emma Churchman

Thursday 5 November 2020

Dear Families,

As you know we are now in a National Lockdown for the next four weeks. Considering this there are some changes to school procedures and arrangements. We hope you appreciate these are in place to ensure the safety of our school community.

**Masks / Visors**

School staff will wear visors on the playground in the mornings and the afternoons. Teaching staff are wearing visors when teaching in the classrooms. We are encouraging parents to wear masks/ face coverings when they enter the playground. If you need to go to the school office, then you do need to wear a mask / face covering when entering the building. The catering team are all wearing visors and gloves when supporting the children during lunchtime.

**After School Clubs**

We are going to continue to run after school clubs that are provided by Inspire Suffolk during the next four weeks. We are going to offer an additional club for Key Stage Two on a Thursday. We are permitted to run clubs to support parents with childcare and for the children's mental and physical well-being. Ipswich School of Dance and Wildcats Football will resume once lockdown measures are lifted. The Inspire clubs are £2 per session and we ask that you pay in advance.

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday (This is for lockdown only)</b>
Gymnastics for children in YR, Y1 and Y2	Football for children in Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6.	Gymnastics for children in Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6.

**Isolation Timetable**

We are adding the Isolation Timetable to the website. This is to guide parents who must isolate their family. The suggested timetable provides tasks and activities for remote home learning. School will send the directed tasks to families daily. If you are forced to isolate, please keep in touch via email.

## School Bags / Book Bags

We would encourage children not to have school bags unless they really need them. Children should not be bringing items to school during the current climate. Book bags should only be in school on a day when books are changed/ returned home. I am not banning bags, just asking families to be mindful of children not bringing items in unnecessarily.

	<b>Small Blue Class</b>	<b>Holly Blue Class</b>	<b>Adonis Blue Class</b>	<b>Silver Studded Blue Class</b>
Reading books returned to school	Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday
Reading books sent home	Tuesday	Monday	Monday	Monday

## Parent Consultations

We will be holding parent / teacher consultations differently this year. The meeting will take place via the phone. Each family will have a 10-minute appointment with their child's teacher. These will not be happening on the advertised dates. You will need to book your appointment online via Arbor. You will receive instructions on how to do this early next week. If you have problems booking your appointment, please speak to the school office.

	<b>Miss Elsdon</b>	<b>Miss Hudson</b>	<b>Miss Markham</b>	<b>Miss Scrutton</b>
3.30 – 5.00pm	16/11/2020 17/11/2020 18/11/2020	16/11/2020 17/11/2020 18/11/2020	23/11/2020 24/11/2020 25/11/2020	23/11/2020 24/11/2020 25/11/2020

## Key Stage 2 Field

On Monday 9 November all children in Key Stage Two (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) **MUST** bring an additional pair of shoes for the field at lunchtimes. These shoes / wellies will be stored outside and will be used for lunchtimes only. With the weather changing and the muddy conditions we need to ensure the children have appropriate footwear. No football boots are permitted. Please ensure your child's shoes have their names in.

## Christmas Nativity

I am saddened to inform you we will not be doing any nativity performances this year. The children in Small Blue Class and Holly Blue Class will be sending a festive video to families this year instead.

## School Photographer

Unfortunately, we will be unable to have the School Photographer in school on 20 November. We will reschedule this and advise you as soon as a new date has been agreed.

## **Volunteers**

We were preparing for volunteers to return to school and hear children read. Sadly, under the lockdown we will not be able to have volunteers in school. We are hoping volunteers can return in the new year.

Many thanks for your continued support during these challenging times. We will get through this together. If you are struggling and need support, please call us and we will do what we can to support you.

Stay safe

Miss E Churchman  
Head Teacher