

Dear Parent/Carer

Hello!

I hope this finds you all well. Life at Flying Bull is as normal as we can make it for all involved. The systems we have in place to minimise risks seem to be working. Attendance is still running at 96% so thank you for supporting with this. We have noticed, however, that attendance tends to drop on a Friday. Please make sure your children are in unless they are genuinely ill.

The children have continued to amaze me with how they have settled back in to school life, even if it is different to how it was before. Mrs Kies and I are being emailed examples of good work and we are responding to the children by email and texting parents to let them know.

Just a few reminders about our Return Plan...

Please stick as closely as you can to your drop off and pick up times. This is to stop crowding and keep a flow. I have also spoken to teachers asking them to ensure that they let the children out at the given time. Here is a reminder of the times.

Nursery	8.30 – 11.30	12.15 – 3.15
Year R	8.30 – 2.45	
Phase 2 (Years 1 and 2)	8.35 – 2.50	
Phase 3 (Years 3 and 4)	8.40 – 2.55	
Phase 4 (Years 5 and 6)	8.45 – 3.00	

I need to also remind you that only one adult/person should be bringing the children in.

Please can we make sure that you do not congregate in groups outside the gates as people cannot enter or exit the gates while maintaining social distancing.

Please make sure you are using Malins Road gate as the entrance and Steerforth Close gate as the exit whether there is a teacher there or not. I was late out one day this week and parents were disgusted that other parents had gone out the wrong way just because I was not there. We are doing this for a reason and following government guidance.

We are still not accepting cash in the office. All orders need to be completed by email (admin@fbacademy.co.uk) or by phone. Parents should only come in to school if they have an appointment.

Behaviour Management

Some of you may have heard that some of our behaviour approaches have changed. We are working on a new 'Relationships Policy' based on the work of Paul Dix and his Book – 'When the Adults Change, Everything Changes'. This will also include work on

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the PACE approach (Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity and Empathy).

Many of the approaches we have used before e.g. Golden Time, stickers, warnings, have been dropped and staff are experimenting in year groups with strategies discussed in the above book. It has been good having the opportunity to text parents when their child has shown work or behaviours that are over and above expectations. We will share the draft policy with parents/carers when it is written seeking your views, before implementing the new policy.

Census Day

On 1st October, we have Census Day. On this day, we will be providing all Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 with a packed lunch. The menu choices will be sausage roll or cheese pizza. Children can still bring in their own packed lunch if they choose to.

Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed due to the Covid Pandemic? Are you now receiving Financial support? You may qualify for Free School Meals. Please contact the office by Phone or email for more information.

Lunch boxes

Please ensure you are providing your child with a healthy lunch box. A lunch of crisps and chocolate bars is not acceptable.

Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. This includes nuts of any kind and anything made with nuts – peanut butter etc. This includes any homemade cakes.

Staffing update

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Mrs Shepherd last Friday as she retired from Flying Bull after a long and illustrious career here. She has had a positive impact on the life of so many children and fellow staff members due to her hard work and constantly positive attitude. She will be greatly missed, but she is coming back as a volunteer!

We also said goodbye to Miss Eburne this week. She has not been here as long as Mrs Shepherd, but she has had a positive impact on the children with which she has worked.

We wish them both well for the future.

If you have any questions or comments, please email me on head@fbacademy.co.uk.



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