

# CICELY HAUGHTON SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope all pupils have settled into their new classes for the school year. I extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and their families to our school. I look forward to developing a positive relationship and celebrating successes that your children achieve.

It has been a very different start to a school year that I have experienced in my twenty-one years of teaching, 18 of them at Cicely Haughton. We are not able to congregate in large groups - so assemblies, break times and the lunch hall buzz has been non-existent and much quieter!

That being said, I have been to every classroom and into residence, observing how the pupils are re-acclimatising to school and I am pleased to say that I've been very impressed.

Teacher's teams have carefully planned activities which develop relationships as well as introduce an academic element to learning and pupils have embraced this positively. The residential pupils have loved being back and the residential staff team are offering programmes and activities to enhance social and emotional progress.

Staff teams will continue to contact you through Class Dojo and phone calls - please contact us if you are not getting as much information as you require.

A couple of reminders - until half term, we are only offering packed lunches to our pupils eligible for free school meals. All other pupils need to bring a packed lunch daily. All Residential pupils will be offered a packed lunch on the days where they haven't travelled from home to school (these will be chargeable if you are not entitled to free school meals). Hot meals will be available for all pupils after October half term.

PE kits - please continue to send these in on the days that teachers request.

COVID-19 symptoms - we have had some pupils self-isolating due to themselves or someone from their household displaying symptoms. This is the correct response to guidance. Please seek advice from 111 or 119 the new dedicated COVID-19 phone number or school if you are unsure what to do. I have attached a flowchart for clarity.

Inevitably, we are already seeing schools and classes disrupted as whole years or bubbles need to self-isolate due to positive cases or lack of staff to teach classes. Whilst we will do our utmost to prevent this happening at Cicely Haughton, if we do have to take these decisions we will make them with as much notice as possible.

As ever, if you need to discuss anything, I am available on 07854650824

Yours sincerely  
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