



Newsletter

September 2020

Welcome back

We are so pleased to have all of the children back. They have been so happy and positive and settled excellently in to their new classes.

The value we are celebrating this half term is 'Positivity'. The children have definitely already shown heaps of this so we look forward to this continuing.

Covid-19 arrangements

Since being back, there have been a number of changes to dropping off and collecting pupils. These were all explained before returning to school with a detailed letter and video released for all parents. The first day took a little while for everyone to get used to the new routine, but since then, drop off and collection is much smoother. Thank you to everyone for abiding by the new rules for bubbles and some one way systems following the arrows. We listened to previous feedback and decided against staggered starts in order to consider working parents and other childcare arrangements.

We would like to share with you some positive responses to the new arrangements and thank parents for their support. (Please note that individual names have been changed to 'our child'.)



I'm emailing with a thank you and to say how impressed we are with all new safety aspects you have put in place to ensure its Covid safe for the children to return to school. As a family who have been shielding for the past six months due to my health, it was obviously a massive worry of ours to have 'our child' socially mixing with others.

'Our child's' dad has been heavily involved in putting all the Covid safety measures in place to his workplace (for another local authority) so he understands how hard it is to implement such different ways of working. He has had nothing but praise for the way in which the school have dealt with social distancing and seeing many staff around to ensure measures are adhered to. We feel that everything is well organised, including the different entry points, Walking a little bit further up the road is nothing compared to keeping everyone safe!



I would like to make a point in saying how brilliant I think you are all coping with everything at school. You're getting a lot of stick on social media which I don't agree with at all and can't imagine how hard it's been for yourself and the other teachers, but you're doing an amazing job. Keep up the good work!

Safety message.

It has been recognised that many parents have been parking on Willow Bank. Whilst I understand that the current roadworks are causing some access issues, some of the parking choices have been inconsiderate, dangerous and illegal. Residents have been asked by the police to continue to report any parking violations and the police and the council have confirmed that they will be issuing fines to anyone who is seen or reported to be in this position. Please can we ask that you walk to school as often as you can. This may mean leaving a little earlier or preparing for possible rain, but this will be safer and greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Reading

A massive well done to so many pupils who continued to read regularly during lockdown and over the holidays. Our reading tree was full at the end of last year and these leaves will be sent home for the children to keep. Although we begin the year with a bare autumnal tree, it won't be for long with the amount of children who already have full bookmarks. Keep up the great work.



Attendance

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Although we were only in school for two days last week, we had 5 classes who had every child attending school on both days and therefore have 100% attendance. Well done to the following classes; Class 1—Mrs Duppa, Class 2—Miss Harrow, Class 3—Mrs Mann, Class 8—Mr Parker, Class 9—Mr Evans.

Communication



ClassDojo

There are a number of ways that parents can keep up to date with events and messages. Our website is the first place we would recommend you regularly check. All newsletters and letters are stored on the website along with other important information (e.g. term dates, uniform, curriculum updates, school menu and many more.) Our address is www.aqueductprimary.co.uk/

There is a direct feed to our Twitter account on the front page of the website so in order to see messages on Twitter, you do not need your own account. If you do, you can follow us at [@AqueductPrimary](https://twitter.com/AqueductPrimary)

We also have a Facebook page which can be found by searching for [Aqueduct Primary School](#).

All parents have been invited to join their child's Class Dojo page. If you need this information again, please contact your child's teacher. Please note that the private messaging element of Class Dojo has been disabled. This means that if you try to privately message your child's class teacher, they will not respond so please don't be offended. They may not even see any message you send as this is not something which they check. Twitter, Facebook and ClassDojo are mainly available as a platform for us to share information with you. Should you wish to inform us of something, ask a question or to share your feedback, please either call the office on 01952 386210, email the office via A2175@taw.org.uk or complete the contact form on the website.

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Covid Guidance

If you feel that your child has Coronavirus symptoms then the advice still remains that you should take them for a test. The main symptoms of coronavirus are: A high temperature - feel hot to touch on your chest or back

A new, continuous cough - coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If you need further advice please call 111 or use the online service 111.NHS.uk

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