



Graveley Primary School
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Dear Parents,

It has been so lovely to see the children back in school this week – so many of them have grown so tall and changed so much having not seen them for so long!

I hope you have enjoyed the peace and quiet over these last 2 days and your home hasn't seemed too empty having spent so long at home with them.

Over the next couple of weeks, teachers will be spending time getting to know the children – thank you to those parents that sent in the transition forms as these have been a great starting point in finding out what they have been up to since we last saw them. We will be organising early 'virtual' parent consultations this half term - more details will be sent home next week.

Only children in Classes 1 and 2 will need to bring in a PE kit from home. Children in Classes 3 and 4 will come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days. Class 3 will have their PE on Thursday and Class 4 will have their PE on Wednesday. All PE is currently outside so children will need suitable footwear and clothing, especially as it becomes colder.

Children do not need to bring in their own hand sanitiser, we have plenty in the classrooms and around the school. I know that due to the increased handwashing, some children were bringing in their own soap or hand-cream (we do have hand-cream available in the classrooms). If this is still necessary, please hand to Mrs Andrews or myself during drop-off as we have to complete a COSHH sheet for anything kept within school. This means that lotions must be in the original packaging.

Thank you to those parents that have booked Early Drop Off for their children this week. Remember if you require places for week beginning 7th September, you must book through Parentmail Pay or emailing admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk if using childcare vouchers by 3:00pm today (Friday 4th September).

We have been asked by the Government to be prepared to teach remotely when needed. This may be if a class or individual child is having to self-isolate. Teachers will plan lessons and links that are relevant to the curriculum focus for that year group and endeavour to supply resources to support tasks for home learners. We will continue to use Google Classroom as a means of communicating this information. So that nobody forgets how to use it, all classes will be setting weekly spellings and a home learning task that can be accessed in this way.

As always, if your child is presenting with any symptoms of the virus, please keep them at home and arrange for them to be tested as soon as possible.

- **a new continuous cough and/or**
- **high temperature and/or a**
- **loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)**

If a child develops symptoms during the day we will contact you to have them taken home and we will advise you to arrange for them to be tested at your earliest opportunity and let the school know the outcome as soon as you can. We are required to isolate children whilst they are waiting to be collected if they are showing symptoms. In some circumstances we are required to close classes if there are children or staff who are tested positive for the virus. This will only be done in conjunction with advice from public health.

Have a good weekend and see you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)