

## **CANON JOHNSON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Welcome back everyone!

Thank you very much for supporting the school so positively for our return this week. We have had to make a few changes to our initial plans, but this wouldn't have been possible without your co-operation. We are ironing out the last few systems for us but we should be able to start next week with everything sorted.

The first newsletter of the year just gives a few details about some changes we have made to the school procedures during lockdown and some reminders that will help us all keep safe during this time. I have been pleased to see that this week's COVID rate has started to decrease in Tameside and this is good news for us all.

## Entering and Leaving School

Thank you to everyone that has followed the directions into and out of school this week. It has started to run really smoothly and means we are able to keep children in their bubbles without contact with each other. Can we just ask that when you collect your children you leave the premises as quick as possible and don't let the pupils go onto the climbing frame and other equipment? These areas are specially designated for year groups during the day and pupils playing on the equipment could lead to a spread of the virus across the school.

## Year 4 Swimming

I have sent out a text today explain about the new swimming time for Year 4. Swimming lessons will take place on Monday from 2.10-3.00pm so Year 4 pupils must be collected from school at 3.30pm. If you have any queries about the procedures the swimming baths have put into place, please contact me or the Ashton swimming baths.

### **Behaviour Policy**

We have created a new behaviour policy that will be on our website by the end of the weekend. We hope that it gives pupils more chance to change their behaviour and makes it clear about the consequences if they do not follow our school values. The biggest change is in our communication to parents about red cards. Whenever a child receives a red card a parents will recive a text message from the teacher. If parents wish to discuss the red card further, please contact school to make an appointment. This message will come as a text so please ensure we have your latest contact details.

## Attendance Policy

Thank you so much for bringing the children into school this week. We have the highest attendance of all the schools in our trust by big margin and this is fantastic to see. Our attendance across school today was 98.9% and that is an excellent start. Thank you.

Our new attendance policy will be on the website this week for you to look at. There are no big changes apart from communicating with parents quicker to avoid potential fines.



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## After School Clubs

Next week a letter will be going out about after school clubs which will be starting soon. We have had to be selective about the year groups that can access them but all the year groups from Year 1-6 have an opportunity to attend at least one club. Please complete the form and return as soon as possible for your child to receive a place.

### The Curriculum so far...

This week in school the pupils have been creating their own class rules and drawing their own self-portraits. This is for a display that we will have in school to show the progress pupils make in drawing and understanding themselves as they grow through school. Next week, we will be continuing to support the pupils to feeling safe and comfortable in school as well as starting to complete assessments about where the pupils are in their current learning. Teachers will then meet with members of the senior team to plan lessons that meet the pupils needs.

### Early Years start

Just a reminder that Nursery and Reception children will be starting next week. By Tuesday all pupils will be in school. Please check when your child is starting if they are in Nursery or Reception.

### Roald Dahl Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September is Roald Dahl day. We will be looking at Roald Dahl's books and work in school. Children will come to school in uniform, as usual.

### Communication

One change we made during lockdown to create special year group emails for parents to be able to contact has been a great success. We will be continuing to use these emails this year so if you have any questions do not hesitate to email your child's class teacher or me.

The emails addresses are:

Nursery: nursery@canonjohnson.co.uk Reception: reception@canonjohnson.co.uk Year 1: year1@canonjohnson.co.uk Year 2: year2@canonjohnson.co.uk Year 3: year3@canonjohnson.co.uk Year 4: year4@canonjohnson.co.uk Year 5: year5@canonjohnson.co.uk Year 6: year6@canonjohnson.co.uk

Once again, thank you for your patience and support for the staff of the school. Do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything at all and please stay safe.

Have a great weekend and look forward to speaking to you soon.

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