

4th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

After a huge amount of preparation and then adjustments following last minute Government u-turns, we were delighted to welcome our students back yesterday. Thank you parents/carers for sending your child fully prepared with correct uniform, equipment and safety measures. We understand that school life is different due to changes we have had to introduce. However, we are pleased that students can get back to learning in school with their teachers. A big thank you to our students therefore, for adapting to new routines and working with us to keep everyone safe.

Catering and cashless payment is working well, with many students enjoying the lovely food provided. Shire Services will reflect on the demand and adapt their offer accordingly so that the choice remains varied. Please do ensure that your child has sufficient credit on their Parent Pay account. Shire Services are also reintroducing the Generation Juice dispenser for students. Therefore, students can once again bring their own water bottle to fill as part of a meal deal or pay for separately if they choose.

You will recall that we had previously gauged parent/carer interest in a scheme by which you could purchase a school ready device / laptop for your child to use at home and potentially bring in to school in the future. You will also know that the Government has made very late demands on schools to plan for situations if we need to adopt different models for students attending school, either on a rota basis or full time at home again. We are, therefore, intending to contact you soon with further information about a scheme that will offer parents/carers the opportunity to purchase/lease a device at a very competitive price, with pre-installed safety and software requirements. This would of course be beneficial for 'normal' school work, but also ensure that your child has a school ready device should we need to change how school operates again in response to the impact Covid-19 cases. Please do look out for the information that will be sent to you soon.

We wish you well for a pleasant weekend
John Parr
Headteacher

Soaring Sunflowers

During the lockdown period staff decided to have a competition on growing the largest sunflowers (not that we are competitive at all). After some tense last minute growth spurts the winning sunflower measured in at 3.25m. The three winning plants survived storms, gales and heat waves and all made it over 9ft.

The winners were:

Mr Mottram

Mr Longhurst

Miss Green

Well done to all involved (even though rumours are circulating about Miracle-Gro being used).



Library Book Amnesty

We are running a library book amnesty . Please could we ask all pupils to check under beds, personal bookshelves and school bags to see if they have any library books that haven't been returned. There will be no fines. There will boxes in their designated zones to leave the books in. Many thanks for your help.



Face Coverings

Please can you ensure that you child has a plastic bag which can be sealed to store their face covering when it is not being used.

Lunches and snacks

If you would like your child to have schools meals, please can you ensure that you have credited your ParentPay account.

