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# FRIMLEY TIMES



Dear Parents,

Welcome to my first newsletter of this new academic year at Frimley. An extra welcome to all of the new families who have joined us this year; thank you for choosing Frimley for your child and we are really pleased that you have chosen to join our Frimley community. The children have all returned to school with such positive attitudes, although lots of them are looking very tired already! I am totally amazed by how quickly everyone has settled back into the new routines and the children are all rising to the new expectations. Thank you to all of you parents too for helping make sure that the drop off and collection times are running so smoothly; only minor tweaks have needed to be made to our new structures and this is down to everyone playing their part in helping to keep us all safe. It certainly is a strange new world that we currently find ourselves in but please be assured that we are doing everything we can, and following all Government guidance, to be as Covid-secure as possible.

Communication: As you are aware, we are trying to minimise the number of visitors in school so please do communicate any messages for the office via your child and their teacher where possible. A member of staff from each year group (plus a member of SLT) is on each gate every morning to help with any questions etc. There is also a box outside the office where permission slips/equipment etc can be left; this is checked regularly and all information will be delivered to the appropriate person. Additionally, please email the school office ([info@frimley.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@frimley.surrey.sch.uk)) or phone the school and messages can be passed to the relevant child/staff member.

COVID-19 update: The guidance from Government continues to regularly change. Any significant changes to our Risk Assessment and/or Pupil and Parent protocol will be emailed to you directly. Other minor changes will be on the documents that can be found on our school website: School Information – COVID-19. In the event of a child testing positive, and PHE advising us of the need to close a class or year group bubble etc, we will email you as quickly as possible. Therefore, please do make sure you check your emails regularly to avoid any misunderstanding and to enable us to communicate as quickly and efficiently with you as possible. Please also remember to email [covid@frimley.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:covid@frimley.surrey.sch.uk) as soon as receiving a positive test result, as well as phoning the school if during school hours. This will help us put any appropriate action into place without delay. Thank you for your support with this – it's new to all of us!

Values: As you are hopefully aware, we have 6 core values as a school: Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, Honesty, Love and Collaboration. Each half-term has a different focus value and I introduced the first of these values in our virtual assembly last week: Respect. We will be talking about this lots in school over the forthcoming weeks so please do talk to your child about it at home and praise them when you see them behaving and acting with respect.

Emails are predominantly sent out on Thursdays although this may of course change if anything urgent needs to be sent out at any other point in the week. Please also do check out our Twitter account (@frimleyjunior) for an added insight in to what is going on in school.

Clare Wright

## Prospective Parents

Prospective parents of current Year 2 pupils: We are not able to open up the school for our traditional Open Evening and tours of the school this year. Instead, we are producing a video to help prospective parents understand more about what makes Frimley such a special school. A separate letter has been emailed out as we now need your consent for your child to be part of the video. Please indicate whether or not you give consent by completing the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuQCn4qkir1QrEaQAd03nOsLWd8TEm6Z404cwoiy8Ed\\_0MYg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuQCn4qkir1QrEaQAd03nOsLWd8TEm6Z404cwoiy8Ed_0MYg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

  
**Congratulations**

Congratulations Mrs Stroud: As some of you might be aware, Mrs Stroud has been completing her masters degree alongside her full time teaching role and being a busy Mum of two teenagers! We are all extremely proud of her as last week she received her reading project dissertation and presentation mark and was awarded a high distinction. Therefore, after three years of studying, Mrs Stroud has now gained a masters degree (with distinction) in pedagogy. Well done Mrs Stroud!

### Routines at end of school day:

We have been made aware by some parents that the path outside the y5 classrooms and the main exit gate are becoming quite congested when families are trying to leave the school premises at the end of the school day. Please can we ask parents to be respectful of each other's space and continue moving slowly along the path - it is important that we give each other space and socially distance where possible, even if this means taking a few extra minutes to leave the school site. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Jewellery, PE and Swimming

For safety reasons, all jewellery should be removed for PE and swimming lessons: this includes watches, bracelets, rings and earrings. Teachers are not able to remove jewellery for pupils so if your child is unable to remove jewellery independently, they should not wear jewellery into school on their timetabled PE or swimming day.

PE lessons: If earrings are new or unable to be removed, they should be made safe by taping front and back. The taping should be sufficient to prevent injury from an unintentional blow. If your child is unable to do this independently, this needs to be done at home before they come into school. Tape will not be provided by the school.

Swimming lessons: Earrings cannot be worn at all during swimming lessons. If a pupil's earrings are unable to be removed, they will not be able to swim.

We want to ensure maximum participation in PE and swimming lessons so thank you for your support with this.

# IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!

