#### Newsletter

Date: 13th September 2021 TRINITY ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL www.trinityroad.essex.sch.uk @TrinityRdPrim



## **Head Teacher's Message**

Dear families.

I hope you had a lovely weekend!

The children had a settled and successful first full week back. The school was buzzing with learning and energy; the feeling we get when the school is full and up and running. I can imagine you noticed how tired the children were as we got back to school learning and activities.

## Celebration Assembly

After our first full week of learning it was super to give all the awards to the children who achieved the first certificates of the year for their learning. All the children were beaming with pride and have really shown excellent learning behaviours, effort and enthusiasm since they have returned.

## Years 1 to 6 Learner Conferences Are Coming Up

Please sign up to one of the appointments – either virtual or face to face, to meet with your child's class teacher.

We are offering one virtual, online evening and one face to face evening. A letter went home with your child on Friday with information about how to book.

## Coronavirus Update

As we return to the new school year and work towards getting back to normal, we will inevitably be faced with challenges and new situations along the way. I will keep you updated about what we are doing here.

I am working together with the Director of Education and Public Health to ensure our school continues to be the safest place for all in our school community. This is normal practice, and we continue to get updates, figures, and advice about how to keep everyone safe as we learn to live with this and in this COVID -19 climate. The Department for Education has set the priority – 'to return to normal', and we aim to do this in the safest way.

#### **Lateral Flow Tests**

We are asking all visitors to school to ensure they have a negative lateral flow test prior to attending our school site. Now we are working in more of a face-to -face way we are asking this to protect our staff and children.

I would also ask that you continue to support the school by ensuring you also have a negative lateral flow test twice a week to enable us to further protect everyone in our school community.

## Symptoms of COVID-19

We are entering the season for coughs and colds. The germs that we are used to when the children return to school are often similar to those which we expect this time of year, especially as they socialise in larger groups and the weather gets cooler. Please ensure you are aware of the symptoms of coronavirus:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change of taste and smell.

Be cautious if children share that their food tastes funny for example.

If you are concerned your child may be displaying symptoms, then please ensure you use a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) to identify if they may be positive. If you get a positive result of a LFT, please book your child in to get a PCR; full COVID-19 test, straight away. Please do not send them in to school between tests or if you are not sure.

You can get the most up to date advice and guidance from www.NHS.uk.

#### **Best Practice**

The best practice to minimise the spread of this horrible disease is:

- Regular hand washing
- Ventilation open windows and doors to ensure there is fresh air flow

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw this in the bin
- Regular cleaning

We are ensuring we do all of these as we get back to normal. Wearing a mask is at your discretion and we recognise you may feel more comfortable to do this when you come on site.

## Being Flexible and Safe

Instances of COVID-19 are inevitable in the community and the way we manage COVID-19 still remains focused on the safety and wellbeing of all our children, families and staff.

For this reason, we may at times have to make alterations or adaptations to staffing or school events as we manage staff absences. Changes to the school day will always be kept minimal and all the staff continue to work hard to ensure we run a normal day. We firstly ask for your support when this may have to happen and ask for your patience when we do have to make changes. These will not be for any longer than is necessary to ensure everyone's safety.

## Our School Kitchen

Our school catering team are currently without a full staff team due to positive cases. We know that you will join us in wishing members of this team well in their recovery. As a result, we may be offering some reduced options over the next 10 days as we support this team to still operate. The catering team will be wearing masks alongside the gloves and hygiene practices with our food preparation.

The school kitchen, dining hall and all areas within the lunch bar building were fully disinfected over the weekend to ensure we have been able to open safely today.

#### **New Site Supervisor Role**

Thank you to those of you who have signposted applicants to our vacant site supervisor role, and to those who have also applied yourselves. The closing date for this role is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## Parking Outside the school

When you are dropping off your children and picking them up please park considerately for our local residents who live on the roads around the school. Avoid blocking other people's driveways and ensure that you watch out for the huge number of pedestrians at the busy times I our school day.

I know you may have questions about some of the information in the newsletter, please speak to a member of SLT or your child's teacher.

Have a super week everyone.

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Natasha Outhwaite

Headteacher







## Our schools attendance target is 96.5%

**Outstanding ~ 98.6-100%** 

Good ~ 96.1—98.5%

Could do better ~ 96% and below

## Last weeks attendance was 93.3%

Crystal	N/A	
Sapphire	N/A	
Topaz	Outstanding	
Moonstone	Good	
Amethyst	Outstanding	
Diamond	Could do better	
Opal	Could do better	
Jet	Could do better	
Jade	Could do better	
Ruby	Could do better	
Emerald	Could do better	
Turquoise	Good	



## Week 1



## **LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK**

Young Voices—Years 5 and 6
Walking home alone—Years 5 and 6
Swimming instruction—Jade class
Learner Conference—All KS1 and KS2
Learner Conference—Topaz and Emerald class

All letters can be found on the school website:

www.trinityroad.essex.sch.uk

## **Super Writer & Learning Star certificates**

The table below shows who the awards were won by this week. The certificates will be sent home one week after they are awarded. The Respect badges are given to the children every Friday and then handed back the following Friday for the next children.

Class	Learning Star	Super Writer	
	Award	Award	
Crystal	N/A	N/A	
Sapphire	N/A	N/A	
Moonstone	Ethie	Sulaiman	
Topaz	Eden	Toby	
Amethyst	Veronica	Jason	
Diamond	Rikki	Luca	
Opal	Aiden Agastya		
Jet	Jack Anila		
Jade	Kai	Kai Miley-Rose	
Ruby	Maisie	Ishita	
Emerald	Rio	Philicia	
Turquoise	Aoife	Benji	

## **Jade Class Swimming Lessons**

Please remember to return your child's swimming permission letters tomorrow morning (14th September). Please note that your child will not be able to go swimming if we do not receive the completed permission slip.

## **Year 6 Secondary School Applications**

The application period for admission to Year 7 in secondary schools for September 2022 opened on 10 September 2021.

From this date, parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children will be able to make their applications using the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Please be aware that the Council will not be sending out letters to parents/carers about applying. All of the application information is published on the website above.

## The closing date for applications is 31 October 2021.

Please speak to the School Office if you need help completing the application.

## **TERM DATES \* denotes new**

Date	Time	Event	Information
17/09/21	In school time	Jade class swim- ming lessons	Permission letter sent to parents
21/09/21 *	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Years 1 to 6 Learner Confer- ences	Letter sent
22/09/21 *	4.30pm to 7.30pm	Years 1 to 6 Learner Confer- ences	Letter sent
23/09/21 *	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Topaz Learner Conference	Letter sent
23/09/21 *	4.30pm to 5.10pm	Emerald Learner Conference	Letter sent
05/10/21	In school time	Individual school photos	
13/10/21	After school	Friends of Trinity Happy Circus	
25/10/21 to 29/10/21		Half term	

# Improving School Communications with ParentMail and Our School App

Please be aware that we have two parent communications:

**OurSchool App** – is a communication system that we use to enable you to book Learner Conferences, pay online for school meals and trips. Please download this App on your mobile device.

# On this App you are also able to view the school calendar at the touch of a button.



**Parentmail App** – is a communication system that we use purely for emailing parents. By downloading this App, any emails that are sent by the school will show directly in here, rather than being mixed in with your outlook/gmail inbox.



Please download both Apps in order to keep yourself updated