



Friday 25th September 2020

Autumn Term : Edition 2

Dear Parents/Carers

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for continuing to support the school in these difficult and unprecedented times. It is absolutely wonderful to see everyone calmly coping with day to day tasks, whilst dealing with the inevitable anxiety that Covid 19 has subjected us all to.

Earlier in the week I forwarded a copy of a letter that the Department for Education have sent to all parents/carers. This letter clearly sets out the criteria for requesting a Covid Test. A copy of this letter is also available on the school's website. Additional guidance to help parents understand when children can and cannot attend school can be found at : <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

It is disappointing that a few parents have taken to Facebook to express their disappointment in the school sending children home when they have displayed potential Covid19 symptoms. We are simply following the advice we have been given and doing our best to protect our children and staff. Thank you to those parents who have calmly spoken to me about this and passed on their support for the school. It is much appreciated.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

At the time of writing, we have not received any news from Mrs Cadman about Baby Cadman arriving – but we are expecting to hear any day soon! More exciting news that I would like to share with you this week is that Mrs Hodgson and Miss Richardson are also expecting babies.....Baby Hodgson is due in January 2021 with Baby Richardson due in March 2021.

Can I remind parents/carers that if their child/ren develops Covid symptoms during the evening, or over the weekend then they MUST let school know as quickly as possible using the parents@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk e-mail address. Please be reassured that this measure is not in response to a Covid case in school, it is simply to ensure that parents communicate any 'potential' cases immediately in

order that school can take quick and decisive actions.

As is always the case, if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Class teachers can be contacted via class e-mail addresses, as follows:

class1@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk

class2@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk

class3@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk

class4@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk

class5@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk

Finally, as the weather appears to be turning more autumnal, can parents please ensure that children come to school with their outdoor/waterproof coats. Children are welcome to bring their wellies into school, however these must stay in school and cannot be taken home. All items of clothing/footwear need to be clearly labelled so that, in the case of an item going missing, it can be returned to its owner as quickly as possible!

As always, I hope you all have wonderful weekend, stay safe and look after each other.

Mrs Pearson
Headteacher

Protecting your Child against Influenza (Flu) and Complications This year, ALL children in Reception, Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 will be given an opportunity to receive a FREE nasal influenza vaccination at the school on Thursday 22nd October 2020. In order for your child to receive this vaccination, consent needs to be given by parents/carers, as follows:

Go to : <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
Enter the School Code **121380** and click **Find School**
Complete the form
Click the **GREEN, SUBMIT** button.

If you have any questions about this vaccination programme, or are unable to register consent on line, then please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team on 01423 542360.

Applying for a Secondary School Place

Parents of children in Year 6 have been sent home information about how to apply for a secondary school place for their child in September 2021. Applications need to be submitted **before 31st October 2020**.

SETTLE COLLEGE Open Day This academic year, Settle College will be hosting an Open Day with a difference! Due to Covid19 restrictions Settle College have made the decision to create a 'Virtual Open Evening'. Students will NOT be invited into Settle College. The 'Virtual Open Evening' will take place on Thursday 1st October 2020 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and can be accessed via Settle College's website :

www.settlecollege.org.uk/openday2020

There will be a virtual tour and opportunities to visit different departments. There will be activities to complete and a range of talks and presentations will be taking place on topics such as :

Who we are

Academic curriculum

Pastoral Support

Enrichment Opportunities

Sport

If you are unable to access this online Virtual Open Evening, please contact office staff at Settle College on 01729 822 451.

Data Capture Form There are still a number of Data Capture Forms that have not been returned to school. Can parents please ensure that this annual paperwork is returned by no later than Monday 28th September 2020. Thank you.

Ingleborough Ascent (and descent) On Monday 28th September children in year 6 will be taking part in an ascent of Ingleborough. There will be no charge for this visit and we would like to thank the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust for funding this opportunity in FULL. Thank you also to Olly Roberts Outdoors for organising this outdoor activity. As a final reminder, can parents of children taking part please ensure that they have returned completed consent forms. Children will not be able to take part in this challenge if completed forms are not held by the school.

Be Bright, Be Seen Can we just remind parents/carers that as we move into Autumn, daylight fades. This has a massive impact on all road users and pedestrians. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/think-reminds-children-to-be-bright-to-be-seen>