

PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

28th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that your children have enjoyed term 5 as much as we have. It has been wonderful to watch the learning in school and see the progress in classrooms, books and on the playground. I have been really impressed with the resilience of our school community as we have continued to navigate our way through the challenges we have all faced.

Covid 19

The school continues to work with the DFE and LSP to ensure our site, procedures and stakeholders are safe.

We continue to have enhanced cleaning and whilst measures are now relaxing in response to the lower risks we face, we must all remain vigilant. You can continue to help us by:

- Arriving on time
- Following the one way system
- Social distancing
- Following the correct absence procedures and getting tested if you, a member of your household or your children develop symptoms

We look forward to the next stage of the government's road map if things continue to improve locally and nationally.

Attendance

The school is working hard to support children to make up for 2 disrupted academic years. It is now more important than ever that when children are well enough, they should be in school. It is a school, LSP and DFE expectation that holidays or absence in term time is only granted in exceptional circumstances. Wherever possible medical and dental appointments should be arranged outside of the school day.

Early pick up on a Friday afternoon is disruptive to the operational running of the school and means that children miss out on Friendship Fridays. This is when the majority of classes cover our PHSE curriculum, including relationships and sex education. **This is a very important part of our curriculum.**

Please see our attendance policy below.

[Link to LSP attendance policy](#)

Website Updates

Our website has regular updates including news, copies of school wide letters, school dinner menu updates and other important documents.

We have added a document to the 'March Reopening Information' section of the 'Parent Zone' menu on our site that explains why we have adapted our curriculum to support the children in light of the pandemic. You may have heard the term "Recovery Curriculum" in the media. This document outlines our ethos and approach.

Transition and Reporting to Parents 2021

Please see key dates below outlining our arrangements to support children as they look towards the new academic year. We have updated our report format to reflect the disrupted school year and in response to the LSP wide assessment processes and expectations for 2021.

17th June – Gordano visiting Y6 at Portishead Primary

9th, 23rd June, 7th July – SEND transition to Gordano

9th July Story time with new class

13th July – Move up morning, Y6 to Gordano

Value of the Term

The value for term 6 is achievement and children will be following unit 6 of the Jigsaw PHSE scheme called "Changing Me" in lessons on a Friday afternoon. Term 6 is really important as we focus on the remainder of the school curriculum and prepare for moving up and meeting new teachers. It is a time to reflect on the progress we have made and be proud of how far we have come.

Mr Riordan's Charity Outdoor Swim

On Saturday the 12th of June I am going to swim 1.5 miles outdoors in Clevedon Marine Lake to raise awareness and funds for an eating disorder charity, a cause very close to my heart. I really am not a good swimmer and hate being cold so this really is a challenge for me, but nothing compared to the challenges that many children will face when diagnosed with a disorder.

These are tough financial times so please do not feel obliged to make a donation but you may wish to look up the charity and find out more about eating disorders and the support available for those who may need it, please see the links below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-riordan1>

<https://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/>

Reporting Covid Cases

We still need you to update us over half term. If in the unfortunate event a pupil tests positive for Coronavirus having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school please email the school office using the email address school.office@portisheadprimary.co.uk. Please include in the subject header 'Positive COVID Test Result'. This will allow us to share any important information with anyone that may be affected. The email address will be checked once per day and we will not be responding to any other enquiries.

Where a pupil tests positive for Coronavirus having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Key Dates in Term 6

- 7th June INSET DAY
- 8th June Start of Term 6

- 23rd June EYFS Information Evening (September 2021 Intake)
- 28th June Year 6 Activities week
- 9th July Reports out
- 12th July Healthy Schools week including Sports Days (no parents – with regret)
- 21st July – Last day of the school year

I wish you all a very enjoyable half term break and hope that we get to see some blue skies as we recharge our batteries and relax a little. Thank you for all of your support and I look forward to welcoming you back to school after our last INSET day of the year. We will see you all on Tuesday the 8th of June.

Kind Regards,

Richard Riordan

Headteacher