

PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

18th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid 19 Update

I am sure you will be aware that the government and DFE guidance is now unlikely to change before the end of the school year which is a disappointment to us all. At the same time there are increasing cases of the virus nationally and locally, with bubble closures in a number of local schools, in Clevedon and the Chew Valley.

We can all help to reduce the likelihood of cases in our school by working in the following ways:

- Socially distance
- Keep numbers of parents on site to the minimum required
- Ensure you or your children do not come to school if you have symptoms
- Follow all guidance inside school and particularly outside of school
- Report any positive cases and engage with test and trace systems
- Arrive at school with everything needed for the day so nothing needs to be dropped off later in the day

Thank you for your help with this. It is the sole purpose of a virus to spread and so we must all remain vigilant and risk aware.

Healthy Schools Week 12th-16th July

The whole school will be taking part in a number of sports and wellbeing related activities during the week beginning the 12th of July and children will be wearing PE/sports clothes for the whole of this week.

As we will now remain in bubbles for the remainder of the academic year, we cannot hold our traditional sports days, however children will be taking part in the same races within bubbles across the week which is a great news for them.

We will share timetables for the week nearer the time and they will be subject to change, based on the weather.

Healthy Schools Award

The school was delighted to receive an award for the 3rd consecutive year which recognises the fabulous work staff have done to support children with their mental health as we navigate through the pandemic. The award recognises the impact of "Magical Moments" planned and offered in classes, our Play Pods offered at lunchtimes to children who need additional support, the extra forest school sessions, 1:1 and group support and other wellbeing opportunities we have included as part of our recovery curriculum. Thanks to Mrs Merriam for her work in the Healthy Schools network and the wider staff for their care and hard work, which we are justifiably very proud of.

EYFS 2021

With significantly less siblings in our September cohort, unusually for us we do have spaces in Reception for September 2021. If you know of anyone who would be interested in finding out more about the school, please ask them to contact Ness Forrest in the school office.

Diary Dates

- 23rd June Online EYFS Information Evening via Teams
- 23rd and 24th June School Nursing Team Vision Tests for Y1 and EYFS
- 28th June Year 6 Activity week
- 9th July Reports out
- 12th July Healthy Schools week
- 21st July – Last day of the school year

Thank You

I just wanted to thank you all again for making last Friday so special for me and for the kind support with my charity swim. With your support we raised over £850 for the chosen eating disorder charity, which will make a big difference to other children and families, particularly at the stage between early signs and a referral to CAMHs. They offer a wide range of information and support.

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

Kind Regards,

Richard Riordan

Headteacher