

18th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another newsletter of the week. We wanted to share how proud we are of all our children in the way that they have adapted so well to the new systems we have in school. They are showing such a positive attitude to the hand washing and following all the instructions required to meet the government guidance. Adapting to the zones at break times and lunchtimes has been really successful. They are also enjoying many of the outdoor lessons that teachers have planned in order that they have more time outside to enjoy and learn.

If you wish to see all the fantastic learning that is taking place in school please do follow us on twitter @Alexpark_sch



Face Masks

A big thank you also to all our parents for wearing face masks and supporting us in keeping everyone safe. We understand that some adults are exempt from this. Please find attached to this newsletter advice from the Local Authority regarding 10 top tips when using face coverings.



Assembly

We had our second Teams achievement assembly this week and it is so lovely to see all the children and staff even if it is only virtually. Mrs Griffin (Deputy Headteacher) shared Gold work that has been posted on Class Dojo and Mrs Seabright announced the children who had won the Headteacher's award of the week. These children will be able to wear their own clothes on the Friday. We also enjoyed a whole school warm up keeping our bodies to the beat of the music.

Pupil Illness

Please can we remind parents to contact school to let us know that your child is unwell. Do not send your child into school if they are unwell in anyway or if anyone in the household is unwell, awaiting a test result, or has tested positive. We thank all our parents for their patience and support. Further guidance was sent out in last weeks newsletter regarding absence from school.



Seasonal Flu

The 2020/21 flu season will be a key season in trying to increase flu vaccination uptake amongst school-aged children. The flu vaccination is the best protection against seasonal flu. Vaccination of school-aged children not only provides protection to the children themselves but for the wider communities, reducing the number of absent days from school, GP consultations and hospital admissions. This will ultimately support the wider system currently responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Intra-health will deliver the school-aged flu vaccination programme. They will provide a 100% offer to your pupils in reception to year group six and plan to visit schools across Greater Manchester to deliver the vaccination programme in the Autumn/Winter term. Intra-health will also provide catch up sessions for children who were unable to attend the first session.





Questionnaire for parents

The Local Authority is seeking information from parents and carers about access to digital learning to support the planning of an Oldham wide Digital Education strategy and to inform how funding might be allocated to support remote learning. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey in this link <https://forms.gle/jWHxWsnq2eoHGhSn7> by **Wednesday 23rd September**. The information collected would be useful to our school in helping us to establish what is needed in terms of access to devices. All responses will remain anonymous and will only be stored for the duration of the consultation until December 2020.

Year 7 Applications for Secondary School

Secondary school applications are now open. To apply for a place in year 7 you must apply ONLINE by 5pm on the 31st of October 2020.

For more information please visit, www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions



Breakfast (Owl) Club

We are reviewing breakfast club, a text message was sent out to ask parents if they would be interested. Please do contact the school or speak to Mr Clarke if you wish to put your child's/children's name down for the club. We of course aim to accommodate all children but we will of course have to limit numbers due to keeping to class bubbles and social distancing.

Young people needed to take part in local Covid focus group

An opportunity has arisen for a small number of young people aged 13-17 to take part in a local Coronavirus focus group to give views.

Specifically Oldham Council needs young people from Failsworth, Holts Village, Greenfield and Uppermill to give their honest views on how the Borough can better support young people during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Each participant will get a £10 voucher for one hours' work and this will suit young people who are developing their communication and debating skills.

For more detail contact Paul.Skelmerdine@oldham.gov.uk or for the young person to register interest before Tuesday 15th September email REC@oldham.gov.uk

Department of Education Coronavirus Helpline

We have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

