



## Phoenix IPS & NU Newsletter 25.9.20

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*WELL DONE EVERYONE*

*Now that we have been back to school for a full month we wanted to send out a big **THANKS to EVERYONE** for their support as we navigate the reopening guidelines. We have tried to make the arrangements as simple as possible for staff, pupils and parents. Our focus is to keep everyone as safe as possible to avoid any potential class or school closures. Thank you to all of you for your*

*patience and understanding - like many of your workplaces, we have never faced such a challenge, but we are happy that we are open!*

*Please remember the following at drop off and pick up times:*

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- **WEAR A MASK**

- *If you cannot wear a mask due to an exemption you **MUST** keep 2 metre distance from other adults.*
    - Please do not be offended if you are reminded of these points.
      - *Be careful in the carpark when parking/reversing.*
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*Children have now settled back into a routine and are happy in school. At the moment we have been advised not to have assembly so are trying to be creative around this. This morning we gave out the first of our Principal certificates. Children were able to talk in an age appropriate way of their understanding of class bubbles and why it was important to stay apart. They also shared lots of things that made them happy about being back at school.*

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- *"Happy to see my friends and play games"*
  - *"Love doing my lessons with my teacher"*
    - *"Meeting my new teachers"*
    - *"Having fun outside and at PE"*
    - *"Everything about school"*
  - *"I just love learning about everything"*
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## **REMINDERS**

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- **Cool For School - School photographer** - is in on **MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**. This year it is individual photos only. Unfortunately we cannot offer sibling or family groups.

- **Annual Flu Vaccination programme** - permission slips should be returned to school by **TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER**. The vaccination programme has been running for a number of years now and has nothing to do with the current pandemic. Please remember that it is your choice whether your child receives the vaccination. Please return the slip to let the School Nurse know whether you agree or disagree.
  - **School Questionnaire - Survey Monkey** - We ask you all to give us your views on how your child has settled into school. The link for the survey will be live until **FRIDAY 2.10.20**.
  - **Uniform** - Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate uniform every day. Jewellery should **NOT** be worn apart from stud earrings and a watch. Hair should be **TIED BACK**.
  - **Money** - Any money sent to school should be in an envelope with your child's name /class /purpose on the front.
  - **NUT FREE SCHOOL** - Our school is completely **NUTFREE**. Please do not send any products containing nuts/traces of nuts.
  - **HEALTHY BREAK** - Children should bring a bread, fruit or vegetable based item for break. In line with recommendations from Dental Health professionals no sweet products including sweet yoghurt. This is to help to give teeth a break from acid between breakfast and lunch.
  - **SCHOOL LUNCHES** - Everything is going well with lunch arrangements. All children eat in their class bubbles. It is important that you send in lunch money at the beginning of the week as we do not have a credit facility with the lunch provider.
  - **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** - Please ensure you get your application in as soon as possible. School dinners are expensive!
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## UPDATES TO GUIDANCE

We received updated guidance from the Department of Education yesterday. As soon as we have clarified the detail we will share this with you.

## COMMUNICATION

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- School office opens from 8.30am to receive telephone calls.
- Please let us know if your child is off from school, even if it is for a non COVID type absence.
- If your child is ill and you are worried at all - please take advice from your GP before sending them to school. We are happy to accommodate a late start, just give us a call.

- *DO NOT send your child to school if they are ill or showing ANY symptoms of COVID.*
  - *If you have any concerns about your child's learning, please give the school a call or email your child's teacher for a call back.*
    - *We are here to help!*
  - *If you have any issues with online platform access/ device or internet access please contact your child's teacher.*
  - *If any of your children test positive for the virus outside school hours, please contact me directly on [hwatson896@c2kni.net](mailto:hwatson896@c2kni.net)*
    - *Have a great weekend!*
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