

FRIDAY ROUND UP – 18.09.20

Guidance for schools around illness and school absence

We have had a busy time back at school with regards to all sorts of different symptoms and bugs starting to do the rounds. This is always the case when we come back to school after the summer holidays, but obviously this year we have the extra vigilance needed around Covid 19. We wanted to thank everyone for their support when we have felt we needed to send a pupil home, and for when you have kept us informed about any reasons for your child's absence.

Public Health Dorset have produced a helpful guide that is simple to follow, and covers most of the different scenarios we as parents and staff at school are being presented with. This information can be found on the attachment with this round up.

School Photos

Today your child will be bringing home their photograph proof. Full details of how to order can be found on the proof card. Please note that all orders must be **placed directly** with Fraser Portraits. The deadline for ordering is Friday 2nd October. Any orders placed after this date will still be accepted but delivery charges will apply. Due to GDPR Fraser Portraits are unable to send out duplicate proof cards. Therefore, should you require an additional proof card, please contact Mrs Willmott in the school office so that she can arrange for one to be sent to you.

The photographers will be back in school on Wednesday 30th September to do a catch up session for any children who were absent this week.

Wasp Nests

Thank you to everyone who has notified us about the wasp nests located near the school entrance. Dorset Council have been informed, but we would ask everyone to be vigilant when approaching them until they are removed.

Social Media – Safety Concerns

We have today spent quite a bit of time dealing with issues surrounding social media and in particular WhatsApp. Please can we respectfully ask you to check your child's phone for safe use. Please be aware of the age restrictions with the social media platforms as most are 16+.

Outside Playtimes

At this time of year the weather can be very changeable. We like to keep the children outside as much as possible for playtimes. Therefore, please can you ensure your child comes to school with a sunhat and sun cream for hot days and a rain coat when the weather is inclement.

Music Lessons Payments

If you have signed your child up to take part in music lessons, and have not yet already made the payment, please can we ask you to do so by return. If you are having any difficulties making the payment, please contact Mrs Lancaster in the Finance Department.