

16th October

Autumn Term 2020

Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

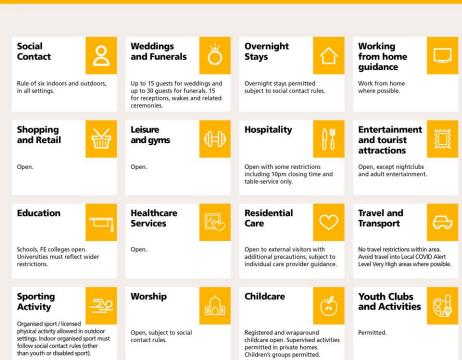
Covid alert levels

As I'm sure you aware, the Government has now moved to a 3 tier local alert system. Our school is currently in an area which is deemed to be at alert level 'medium'. As part of our ongoing risk assessment we are looking at what we will implement in and around our school at each level. At the medium alert level please may we remind parents of the importance of the following:

- Please use the 2 metre markers to keep a safe distance from other families
- We recommend wearing a face covering when on school site, particularly if you are talking with others
- Please keep your children with you at all times we are keeping classes apart at all times during the school day and this is significantly undermined when parents allow them to play together outside when being collected.
- Please leave our site promptly, leaving the gate areas free for other families to pass through safely.

We are really grateful for your continued support.





There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:



Wash hands keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit: **gov.uk/coronavirus**

Children in Need



Our focus for Children in Need this year will be to reflect on those who do not have a safe place to sleep. Picasso class will be learning about a Christian charity that supports homeless children around the world as part of their RE learning over the next few weeks. On Children in Need day, we will spend some time during the day remembering and thinking about the fact that we all

have warm beds and homes to sleep in and how thankful we are for that. As we are trying to limit what is brought into school, we have set up a $\underline{\sf Just}$ $\underline{\sf Giving}$ page which will mean that your donation will go straight to Children in Need. We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 to come to school in pyjamas and this can be donated at the link $\underline{\sf here}$. Alternatively, please use the QR code to direct you straight to our page.



Deadline for Secondary School Applications

A gentle reminder that the deadline for Secondary school applications is 31st October. Please ensure that you have completed your choice via the admissions portal.

Phonic workshop

Our thanks to those parents who joined us for the phonic workshop – feedback has been extremely positive. If you were unable to attend, the PowerPoint used by Mrs Wilcock as well as a helpful overview can be found on our school website here. Please do let us know if we can offer any further support.



Free Webinar: Sharing the pleasure: the role of talk in reading



We would like to share a fantastic opportunity for parents to attend a webinar on Tuesday 20th October 8pm-9pm. This webinar is free and open to educators, librarians, parents and others interested in supporting young people develop the reading habit. The session will include research and

strategies to enrich informal book talk at home and school, and book recommendations that get everyone talking! Please use this <u>Eventbright link</u> to book your free place. To view the Book Chat Guide for parents on reading with your child click <u>here</u>.

Developing a reading habit

Reading for pleasure is so vital and sometimes hearing stories can be just as pleasurable. Book Chat have collated some of their favourites, often read by the author, suitable for different ages. For 7-11 yr olds click this <u>link</u> and for 3-7 yr olds click <u>here</u>. They have included the book covers so children can see and choose what they'd like to listen to.

Posters from the Local Authority - Recognising Coronavirus / When to Self Isolate

The Local Authority has produced 2 new guides for parents on recognising and acting upon different symptoms as well as when to self-isolate. These have been reviewed by the Public Health and Clinical Commissioning Group. We have also attached the Quick Guide for Parents which was sent earlier this term. We hope this is useful to parents.

Play/Lunch times

Some children may have mentioned that we are encouraging 'non-contact' play at playtime such as hugging and holding others. This is to limit the physical contact between children as another safety measure. We have also taken the decision to stop football at lunchtimes whilst the field is so wet. It is getting quite muddy and as such we are starting to see slips and slides which mean children are getting very muddy or having unnecessary bumps.



Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2020

Any new dates are added in bold italics

Date	Event
21st October	STARS Cupcake raffle – tickets available from the school car park
26th - 30th October	HALF TERM
2 nd November	School starts again
3 rd November	Virtual Open Session for prospective parents: 9.30am – 10.30am
3 rd November	Monet Parent Consultations via telephone: 2:30pm – 5:30pm
4 th November	Monet Parent Consultations via telephone: 2:30pm – 5:30pm
4 th November	Kandinsky Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
11th November	Kandinsky Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
12 th November	Picasso Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
13 th November	Pyjama/Onesie day for Children in Need
19 th November	Van Gogh Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
20 th November	Kandinsky Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
23 rd November	Picasso Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
25 th November	Monet Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
30 th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children
2 nd December	Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
18th December	End of Term
19 th Dec to 3 rd Jan	Christmas Holiday
2021	
4 th January	Training day – School Closed
5 th January	Spring term begins

Our School Prayer

Dear Lord,

All together we are Abbots Ripton School
Bless each one of us this day
Bring joy to our lives
Open our hearts to peace
Together we pray to you our Father
Stand by us as we grow

May we

Reflect your goodness
In all that we do
Protect the world around us and
Take care of your creation
Our family and friends we trust to your care
Now and forever we say

Amen

Attendance % for W/E 16/10/2020

Van Gogh – 99% Monet – 99%Kandinsky – 95%
Picasso – 98%