

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 8 – OCTOBER 2020

Notes from the Head Teacher



Firstly, thank you to my staff team and the Governors at Coulsdon for their hard work, time and support over the past half term. We have faced challenges like all schools, but everything has gone as smoothly as we could have hoped. The children appear to be happy and very settled in their classes and with their established COVID19 safety routines.

Thank you to parents and carers who have adhered to the plans for drop off and pick up, this has ensured that the school community has tried to do its best to stay safe. As we have now unfortunately moved into Tier 2 restrictions, **please can all parents/carers wear face coverings after half term when dropping and collecting their children**, whilst also continuing to maintain 2m social distancing.

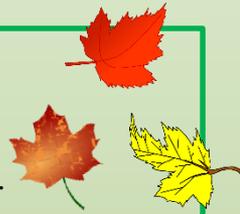
I have been reviewing our risk assessment again with the Leadership Team and staff this week, and we will be making some minor adjustments when we return to school in November. These, as always, will be discussed with the Chair of Governors, Vice Chair and Safeguarding Governor at our regular catch-up meeting.

Please be assured that we are doing our utmost to reduce risk and keep your children and the school community safe.

I hope that everyone finds time to rest and relax over the break. Stay safe!

Reflection

*“Rest & self-care are so important.
When you take time to replenish your spirit,
It allows you to serve others from the overflow.
You cannot serve from an empty vessel”*



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the first half of the autumn term was 97.68% This is currently at least 5.5% above the national average, and is an amazing achievement under the current circumstances. Thank you to all of you for your help with attaining this.

ParentPay Accounts

We currently have a large amount of unpaid lunch debts on the school ParentPay account. Please could all parents who have arrears ensure that they are cleared before we return to school, and then continue to monitor your child's account closely. Thank you.

READING BOOKS

We would be grateful if parents would check their bookshelves at home for any of the school's banded reading books. We have a lot missing from our stock in school. Thank you.