

Spring 2021

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing, we have all needed to change our routines and face new challenges, both as individuals and as a school community. We have continued to stay open for children of critical workers and vulnerable families, keeping the school day as normal as possible.



Thank you to all our parents for your support with the roll out of Microsoft Teams and home schooling, we acknowledge that this has been challenging at times and we are pleased that this platform is now accessible to all.

What you may not know is that the Federation staff have had additional workloads during the pandemic:

Teaching staff:

- Monitoring of homework emails
- Sending out home learning to children not in school
- Regular phone calls home
- Mental health checks
- Recordings for online lessons
- Microsoft Teams meetings

SLT, admin and curriculum staff:

- Gate duty—in all weather
- Ordering of non-perishable and fresh food items for free school meal hampers
- Preparing hamper stock for collection/delivery to isolating families
- Requesting and distribution of holiday free school meal vouchers
- Updating daily Department for Education attendance figures
- Ordering of staff COVID-19 testing kits
- Ordering laptops and issuing to families in need
- Copying and collating home learning packs ready for collection/delivery to isolating families

Site staff:

- Extra cleaning duties
- Deep cleans when necessary
- Daily duties keeping the schools COVID-19 safe

The Federation staff are the unsung heroes—always happy to go above and beyond to support our community—I'm sure you will all join me in thanking them for their amazing work in keeping our schools safe and our children at home, learning.

THANK YOU! *thank you!*

Finally, I would like to thank our school community for your continued patience and support. I do hope to be welcoming all the children back in the near future.

Mrs Cammish
Executive Head Teacher



Bubbles

In line with the DfE guidance we continue to operate year group bubbles for those children who are currently attending school. This means that children in each year group from Reception through to Year 6 will spend their time in school with their peers and with designated teaching staff. Pre-School will run as one bubble.

In support of this, the one-way system is still in operation around the school site, for both drop-off and pick-up, to manage the flow of children and parents/carers. We ask that children are brought in and collected by one adult only.

Aspens

Aspens Catering Services

Aspens staff have worked hard to continue to cater for the children in school and to supply fresh food for the free school meal hampers.



Please could we remind parents to order in advance, using the online system. Junior School parents are reminded that if their child's account is not in credit, the school will not be able to order a meal for that day and a packed lunch will need to be provided.

Uniform

Reminder: We expect all children to be in correct and full school uniform. With the exception of Year R on a Monday only, children are not to bring book bags or rucksacks into school and PE kits must be in a drawstring bag. PE kits must be brought in to school on a Monday and will be sent home for washing on a Friday. Children will also need a water bottle in school and a packed lunch if they are not ordering a school dinner.

Hygiene

We have continued to encourage our children to have excellent hand hygiene with frequent hand washing and "catch it, bin it, kill it" as well as Hands—Face—Space. We understand that some of our children's hands are sensitive to the school soap. If you would prefer to provide soap for your child to use in school you are welcome to send it in with your child - clearly named - to stay in your child's class. Any questions please speak to the school office.



CM Sports February Half-term Activity Club

CM Sports who run our PE sessions in school, will be running a half-term Activity Club at the Junior School, from Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February. Places are limited and secured on a first come first served basis.

Please follow the link to book your place: <https://www.cmsports.co.uk/feb/>