

VPA News

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Happy Friday!

Well Week 3 is done and dusted and I am delighted that—despite the rising number of coronavirus cases occurring in the community— we currently have no confirmed cases within Victoria and all of our children continue to enjoy their day to day learning in school. Many schools in Leeds and across the UK have now experienced closure of at least one class bubble or more following a COVID positive result within the class, so the possibility of this happening in our school at some point in the future is likely. When bubbles are closed for this reason—children and staff are sent home to isolate for 14 days. This means that we will need you to be ready to switch to virtual learning at very short notice, and it is very important that we iron out any difficulties you are having accessing your child's Google classroom so that we can help you. If you have not yet been able to find your way in—please email us on info@vpaleeds.co.uk

Can we also remind parents of pupils in Key Stage 1—Years 1 and 2— that Breakfast Club is open from 7.30am? You do not need to book a place—you can just arrive at the entrance to the school hall between 7.30 and 8.30am each morning and your child will enjoy a lovely social start to the day, as well as their healthy breakfast. Our 8.30am arrival time for all other children is going really well, with the vast majority of children enjoying arriving and getting straight on with their learning. The number of children arriving late is now very small indeed and we are delighted about that—thank you so much for your help in getting all children into school and ready for their learning by 9am.

Government guidance currently continues to advise against PE lessons indoors and so this week we had our first lessons rained off with the first of some proper British downpours of the year! Let's hope the sun shines for us next week.

Mrs Bailey & Mrs Chojnowski

Many thanks to all those parents who have completed our survey about your child's access to digital devices and internet at home. We will be concluding our survey within the next week and will be making phone contact with anyone who has not yet replied—we need 100% return on this survey. The government are offering free laptops to pupils who meet criteria—so please help us to get our hands on them.



Facemasks in school

Due to revised government guidance re: the wearing of facemasks in public places, we are now asking all adults to wear a facemask when entering the site. Thank you for your cooperation.



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is

91%

FS1 88.24 %	FS2 JR 96.84%	FS2 KH 91.96%	Y1 AB 99.29%	Y1 JR 92.06%
Y2 HD 89.32%	Y2 HG 94.67%	Y3 GL 83.2%	Y3 LP 90.38%	Y4 MC 89.21%
Y4 GG 95.96%	Y5 RM 84.9%	Y5 OM 90.48%	Y6 BC 91.61%	Y6 RK 96%



Packed lunches...

Children are really enjoying our revised lunchtimes and have adapted to our new COVID-secure routines really well—lunchtimes may actually be one of our most improved parts of the school at the moment! School meal uptake at Victoria is currently high—I think they've missed school dinners! Can I please remind parents who provide a packed lunch for their child to avoid including fizzy pop or energy drinks in their child's lunchbox? Please could you also prepare any fruit that requires peeling or cutting in advance and place in a bag inside your child's lunch box. A chocolate biscuit or a bun to round off their meal is fine—but no chocolate bars or sweets please. Lastly any wrappers that your child is unable to open independently could you please open them for them before leaving for school. Thank you.



Lost stuff!

It's started! Children are losing their brand new uniform within 3 weeks, and not all items have a NAME written in them so that we can get them back to you. Please buy a marker pen and write your child's name on the label—I promise it will save you a fortune!



Stay Safe

With the BBC reporting Leeds cases are up to 95 per 100,000 people in the latest week 14 Sep-20 Sept - now is definitely the time to be more cautious out there in the community. New advice from Boris this week includes wearing the mask in more public spaces, and earlier closure of some of the things re-introduced over the summer. Last weekend, not gathering in groups of more than 6 was reinstated. I am sure that we will all face more measures in the coming weeks—keep calm and look after you and your crew, out there.

The government are also encouraging flu vaccinations this winter:

Getting a flu vaccination is important to help you stay well this winter, and [more people are eligible for the free flu jab or nasal spray this year, including:](#)

- All children aged two to eleven on 31 August 2020
- School-aged children in year 7 of secondary school

Flu is a highly infectious disease with symptoms that can appear quickly. It can make people's existing conditions worse and could lead to complications such as pneumonia. The flu vaccination also helps to lower the transmission from children to other children, adults or those in clinical risk groups.

Speak to your doctor today. You can also get your free vaccination from several local chemists.

Thank you to parents for ringing school in the morning to let us know about their child's absence from school. This is even more important now than ever and we are very thankful to you. Our team are making home visits from 9.30 each morning to anyone who we haven't heard from by that time—so please make sure you call us before 9am. Thanks.



Help!

We are working with our local cluster to access a wide range of services to help families through this tough time. If you need anything—contact us on info@vpaleeds.co.uk

Have a great weekend - see you Monday!



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Secondary school place applications are now open.



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My child is starting Year 6 when do I need to apply for a Secondary school place?

If they are due to start Secondary school in September 2021 then you should apply for a place from 1st August 2020. Deadline for applying is 31st October 2020.

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How do I apply for a place?

You need to make your application online at:
www.leeds.gov.uk/apply
For further information contact 0113 222 4414.

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