



Weekly Bulletin – 18th June 2021

I shared with you last week information from the Director of Public Health in Durham concerning the rising rates of Covid infection within the City of Durham area. I now need your help to ensure that school remains Covid-secure.

Please continue to work with us to prevent the spread of the virus as far as possible.

Please remember to:

- strictly observe drop off and pick up times
- leave the school site and surrounding area as soon as you have collected your children
- supervise your children if they are waiting to collect/drop off a sibling at later staggered time
- ensure your children stand with you and are not running around the waiting area.

I remind parents to **inform school immediately of any Covid-19 test results**. You can telephone the school office between 9am and 4pm Monday and Friday or use the school email address: shincliffece@durhamlearning.net at other times. Please use 'COVID-19 TEST RESULT' in the subject line of your email.

Governors met earlier this week to begin the process of recruiting a new Deputy Headteacher. I will keep you updated as this process progresses.

I have begun a transition process with Mr Rumbles in order to ensure a smooth handover. Both of us are contactable in the usual way via the School Office.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

Covid-19 key messages from Durham County Council

For further advice, guidance and support, please visit: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Sun Cream

As the weather is warming up (hopefully!), please remember to apply a long-lasting sun cream before your child comes to school. Please also provide a named sun-hat.

Water Safety Information

Please see the following information from Durham County Council- during the warm weather, it is vital to stay safe near water.

Durham County Council – Water Safety Information for Parents

The following information advice and guidance is intended to help keep children safe when playing near open water or visiting the beach. This information is provided free of charge from Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA); The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) and The Royal Life Saving Society UK, to help reduce water accidents and deaths.

Water Safety – Rivers

During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. On average 40-50 children drown per year in the UK. To keep yourself safe, when you are in, on or beside water, always follow the Water Safety Code.

The Water Safety Code (RoSPA)

Spot the dangers!

Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water.

The dangers of water include:

- it is very cold
- there may be hidden currents
- it can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)
- it can be deep
- there may be hidden rubbish, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- there are no lifeguards
- it is difficult to estimate depth
- it may be polluted and may make you ill

Dates

For a full list of school holiday dates please see the school website.

Tuesday 22nd June – Y5 Trip to Beamish

Friday 26th June and Friday 9th July – Y6 Swimming

Monday 28th June – Y6 Trip to Hamsterley Forest

Friday 2nd July – Reception Zoom Dinosaur Session

Wednesday 14th July - Y6 Leavers' Event

Friday 16th July – School closes for Summer holidays

Advance Notice: Year 6 Leavers- 2pm Wednesday 14th July

Year 6 Leavers' Events will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 14th July. It is planned that this will involve a performance by the children and short service for the presentation of leavers' bibles. In order to

comply with Covid guidance and risk assessments this will take place outside on the playground. The event will go ahead unless the weather is severe. We are able to invite 2 adults for each Year 6 pupil and visitors will need to sit in household groups. Further details to follow.

Christian Values

This half term we are focussing on Service as our whole school Christian Value.

Worship will take place in class bubbles and will be led by pupils and school staff, with video contributions from Fr. Peter and Fr. Bill.

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