



Parent Bulletin Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all parents who are respecting the additional measures we have in place in school to help keep everyone safe. To remind everyone they are:

1. All visitors to Reception will be required to wear a face mask when inside Reception
2. Parents will not be able to come into school at all without an appointment and this will need to be booked in advance.
3. All meetings with parents need to take place over the telephone not face to face.

In addition if your child receives an NHS Test and Trace notification during the day we will contact you to arrange sending them home at the earliest opportunity and will expect them to go straight home and begin self-isolation.

The overwhelming majority of students are on time for school but the few that are late must address this. All students must be in school by 8.30am. Poor punctuality will not be acceptable as we want all students to have a positive start to the day by being on time and ready to start their lessons.

Parent Survey

Please take two minutes to complete our survey asking for your thoughts on the reopening plans of the school this September. The link below will take you to the survey. This survey will close on Monday 5th October 2020.

<https://forms.gle/UihTM7BMaCTe5So18>

Events Next Week

Mental Health Awareness Week

Other Notices

Loan laptops and tablets for children who cannot attend school due to coronavirus (COVID-19)

If the school is unable to open due to COVID-19 we may be able to get devices from the DfE, which we can loan, to some students who are entitled to Free School Meals. We can also help if any child who is entitled to Free School Meals is unable to access learning because they have been advised to shield due to an extreme clinical vulnerability. The DfE have announced that these devices will be issued shortly after the announcement of school closure provided they have them in stock.

The eligibility criteria is below:

- Students in Years 7 to 11 who are in receipt of Free School Meals and who do not have access to their own device at home
- Any student who has been advised to shield due to an extreme clinical vulnerability

If your child has been advised to shield and you need a laptop/ tablet contact Mrs Goodyear.
Catherine.goodyear@slougheton.com

We are compiling a list of students who will be in need of a laptop/ tablet in the event of school closure, so if you think that your child is entitled to one please contact Mrs Goodyear Catherine.goodyear@slougheton.com



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Free School Meals

SAVE UP TO £40 PER CHILD EVERY MONTH BY REGISTERING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS!

If your child is entitled to free school meals please do let us know so that we can ensure they receive the pupil premium allowance. Not only does this entitle your child to free school meals, it also means the school receives extra funding to help your child with their learning, we might also be able to lend them a laptop.

Many of our children are entitled to free school meals; we are discreet and your child will not be seen to be any different from other children at lunchtime.

You can claim free school meals for your child if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7400).
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Temporary extension to eligibility for Free School Meals

During the coronavirus outbreak, the government has temporarily extended free school meals eligibility to include some groups who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF).

Newly eligible groups are:

- children of Zambrano carers (a 'Zambrano' carer is a person from a non-EEA state whose residence is required in order to enable a child or dependant adult, who is British, to live in the UK (or the rest of the EEA))
- children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- children of families receiving support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction

The Government has also temporarily extended free school meal eligibility to children of a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. This group is not subject to any maximum household earnings threshold.

If you think you qualify for free school meals you can apply either by:

- completing an application form https://slough-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals
- completing a form available from the school Reception either in person, by email reception@slougheton.com, or telephone 01753 520824.

You will need the following information to make an application:

- Your National Insurance number, or if you are an Asylum Seeker your National Asylum Support Service number (NASS)
- Your personal information including your date of birth and full legal name
- Your child's name and school
- Details of the benefits you currently receive

Protection of free school meal eligibility

If your child is currently eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until at least 31 March 2022 even if your circumstances change. This protection has been introduced whilst the government completes the national rollout of Universal Credit.

Water Bottles



Spare water bottles are available from Reception at £1

World Mental Health Day: 10th October 2020

At Slough & Eton we believe that mental health and wellbeing is the basis for a happy and successful life at school and beyond. We all know this year has been a tough one, particularly for people living with mental illness and their carers. Research shows that nearly 80% of people living with mental illness say that Covid-19 and the national response have made their mental health worse. World Mental Health Day is 10th October and this year's theme is "mental health for all" and the goal is to raise awareness about mental health. In support of this, the school will have a special emphasis on mental health issues over the coming weeks.

If you are worried about your child's mental health and you would like to speak to somebody in school, you can contact our safeguarding team safeguarding@slougheton.com. Your child can self-refer to a School Counsellor, the School Nurse, or a Learning Mentor by emailing safeguarding@slougheton.com. If they would rather speak to somebody who does not know them, there are helpline numbers below that they might find useful, in addition there are further helpline details on page 12 of the Student Planner.

Name of Service Contact details

Directory of Slough Mental Health & Wellbeing Services <https://www.slougheton.com/about/safeguarding>

Young Minds

<https://youngminds.org.uk> or text 85258

Childline

<https://www.childline.org.uk> or telephone 08001111

KOOTH Counselling Service <https://kooth.com>

The Mix <http://www.themix.org.uk> or telephone 0808 808 4994

PE Kit now on Parent Pay

You can now order and pay for PE kit for your son/daughter using Parent Pay. Please ensure you complete your request in the 'notes' section on Parent Pay with the sizes you require.

School Nurse Drop-In Service

The School Nursing team will offer a fortnightly drop-in service to all. These will be held in Meeting Room 4 every other Monday from 7th September, Period 1, Period 2, & break. The consultations are confidential and students can go along to talk about anything to do with their physical health and their mental health.

Students can get an appointment by emailing safeguarding@slougheton.com

Wet Weather

Please ensure your child has a suitable coat/umbrella for the wet weather, Students all have an outside break regardless of the weather.

Medical Information

If your son or daughter has any medical issues, including taking medication during the day, please email medical@slougheton.com You will need you to complete an individual health care plan (IHCP) to ensure we support your child during the school hours.

If your son or daughter requires an EpiPen or asthma pump please ensure they are in date and carried with them at all times.

COVID-19

Should a student present to a member of staff with Covid symptoms we will assess the situation and should we have cause for concern we will call you to collect your child. Your child will be isolated whilst waiting for you to collect him/her. Please see more information.

After School Provision

There is a limited provision for students who want help with independent learning, or where parents need some after school childcare. This will take place until 4pm and must be by prior arrangement with Mrs Goodyear. Priority will be given to students who have an Education, Health and Care Plan, students who have a social worker, and students whose parents are Key Workers. If you would like a place for your child in the After School Provision, please contact Mrs Goodyear: Catherine.goodyear@slougheton.com

School Counsellors

We employ two School Counsellors who do a great job supporting students that require a little extra help. Should the school need to close due to Covid-19, all students currently seeing a school counsellor will be offered remote counselling sessions via Skype or telephone. Details have already been given to the students by their School Counsellor.

Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mr P Collins
Headteacher

Should you require this communication interpreted in the future please email head.pa@slougheton.com