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Spring News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all have a great half term break. I have just a few updates for you for when we're back to school!

Start of the day

The school day starts at 8:50am – please be on time so that learning can start calmly and promptly. Playground gates are locked at 9:00am.



PE Uniform

Please can I again ask that you send children in the correct PE uniform. All the items for our simple and inexpensive uniform are easily available from all supermarkets. More information at www.sheltonj.derby.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform.

Jewellery & Earrings

Our policy clearly states that jewellery should not be worn to school, earrings should be plain studs only please.

Respect for all

At Shelton, we teach children to show care and respect for all or their friends and adults in school. We have noticed that a small number of children have been calling each other “stupid” or “you idiot” when playing competitive games. I am sure you will agree that we should not accept this kind of derogatory language in a junior school as it can be extremely upsetting for a young child to hear this about themselves – even if said “as a joke”. I will therefore confirm to children in assembly on Monday that this kind of language will result in a sanction of reflection time with a member of senior staff and being on report for 1 week so that we can help that child to use more respectful and kind language.

I would be very grateful if you could talk to your child about this and ensure that they understand that we only accept supportive and caring language at Shelton.



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COVID

Firstly, I want to thank everyone for your patience, support and understanding in following the guidance. This helped keep the school community as safe as possible throughout the pandemic. As I am sure you are aware, this week the government has changed the COVID restrictions and guidelines. In summary:

- Removed the **legal** requirement to self-isolate following a positive test, although people will continue to be **advised** to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.
- No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those under the age of 18 to test daily for 7 days, and removed the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.
- Removed the requirement for students or staff to carry out twice-weekly asymptomatic testing.
- End routine contact tracing.

At school we will continue to:

- Regularly wash or sanitise hands.
- Staff and visitors may wear a face covering if they want to, but they will not be mandatory.
- Ventilate classrooms and offices where possible, while ensuring a comfortable temperature.
- If your children have COVID symptoms or a positive test result, please stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

We will continue to monitor the local and national picture and if any changes are necessary we will take action to prioritise the health and safety of everyone in the school community.

PTA



I think that we can finally get started again with the PTA! I have a list of people who expressed an interest previously (before COVID put a stop to our plans) so I will contact you next half term to arrange a first meeting in school. If you're interested in getting involved, please let me know.

Communication

I have asked teachers to switch on their "quiet hours" setting in Dojo so they can prioritise their own family lives when not at work. Please continue to communicate with us on Dojo and we'll always do our very best to get back to you the next working day. If you need to send us an urgent message such as to report an absence, please contact the school office by phone and leave us a message so we can action this straight away.

Happy Holidays!

Finally I hope have all had a very happy and relaxing break – see you all on Monday at 8:50am!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jon Bacon'.

Jon Bacon
Headteacher

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