

Newsletter



15th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Covid Update:

As you are aware, at CPS we have adopted the popular system utilised by many schools of having Year Group Bubbles. Each Year Group Bubble has a separate playtime and lunchtime, away from all other Year Group Bubbles. At lunchtime, two bubbles enter the hall at staggered times. The hall is split into two halves to preserve each year group bubble, using separate entrances. They do not mix with other year groups. This means that if we had a positive case of Coronavirus, we would seek advice from Public Health England and this would likely result in the whole year group bubble having to isolate knowing that at school other year group bubbles have not mixed with them. If this were the case, staff would utilise our Remote Learning Strategy via Google Classroom. The strategy can be found on our school website under the 'Home Learning' tab and is also attached to this newsletter for ease of reference.

New Drop Off System on Monday; Phase Two Please see Phase 2 information

Last Monday saw our new 'tweaked' drop off system designed with a people-flow system to keep us all spatially distanced and most importantly safe!

The Year Group Bubbles are now familiar with their new routes into school. We also introduced zones to encourage a people-flow system where each year group bubble enters together. As whole Bubbles now enter immediately and together (rather than queuing at the entrance point). The children enter the safety of the school grounds more quickly. Our Passing Zone facilitates the flow of adults and children and has eased congestion and supported social distancing. Please keep the paths clear to allow the safe flow of adults and children.

Keep an eye out for Phase Two information which will be sent out via parentmail tomorrow. It will also be uploaded to the school website (under the COVID-19 Updates tab on the Home Page) in due course.

Elmbridge moves to Tier 2 of Government's new local COVID alert level

It has been announced today that Elmbridge Borough will move into Tier 2 of the Government's new three-tier system for England, meaning we are now deemed an area of **HIGH** risk.

Under the country's new Local Covid Alert Level system, Tier 2 is for areas with a higher rate of infections and means some additional restrictions will be necessary to slow the spread of the virus. This primarily aims to reduce household to household transmission by preventing all mixing between households or support bubbles indoors. The Rule of Six will apply in outdoor spaces, including private gardens.

The new restrictions for Elmbridge Borough will include:

- no socialising with people you don't live with, or who aren't in your support bubble, in any indoor setting
- the rule of 6 still applies outdoors, including private gardens, beaches or parks

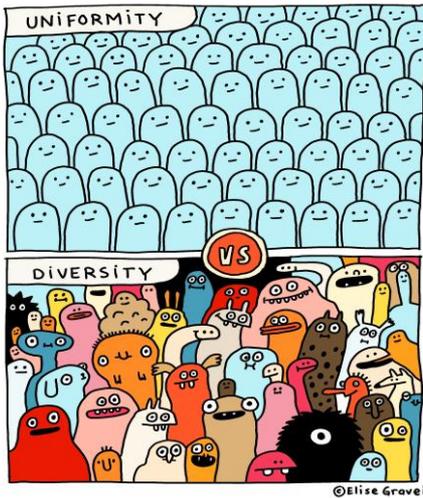
This is in addition to national restrictions already in place.

[Find out more about the measures that apply in high alert level areas to help reduce the spread of COVID-19](#)

Claygate Primary School will be open as usual, however we would encourage your continued vigilance, social distancing etc.

M-Fit

THE SAME, BUT DIFFERENT



In M-Fit this week we have been marking World Mental Health Day, with a focus on celebrating our differences. We looked at the Elise Gravel poster about Diversity. We learn that although we all may look completely different, we may have a lot in common. One thing we all have in common is that we all have feelings and we all have mental health. Mental health is just like our physical health, we have to look after our bodies and our minds to be healthy.

Elm Class drew monsters and compared the similarities and differences between each of them.



In Hawthorn Class we created posters celebrating diversity.



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Pobble

This weeks' published authors on Pobble are:

Chestnut - Jack and Daniel
Sycamore - Eliza and Zach



Head Lice

There have recently been a few cases of head lice identified in school. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread.

There are many different treatments available from the pharmacist but we appreciate this can prove costly, especially if you have multiple children.

In our experience, a thorough going over with a nit comb and lashings of conditioner work a treat!



Whichever way you decide to tackle them; you must repeat the process until the eggs/bugs are gone.

Cold Weather

Now the weather's turning colder and wetter please make sure you child(ren) have a clearly labelled coat in school.

Hats, gloves, scarves and wellies must all be clearly labelled too please to avoid them getting lost.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Harvest

Thank you so much for your generous donations to our Harvest collections this week.

Thank you too from East Elmbridge Food Bank.

