At Dr Walker's School we develop Respect and Responsibility,

Build Perseverance and Creativity,

Combine Christian values with <u>Courage</u> and <u>Compassion</u> for us to become successful British Citizens.



Friday 25th September 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers.

With September coming to a close, it's wonderful to see how far each class has already reconnected with their year group's school curriculum. We are teaching a full curriculum with all subject areas being taught - and in no way are we narrowing our curriculum as an effect of Covid-19. At the same time, by using our recovery model, we are continuing to raise the profile of physical and mental wellbeing of your children.

Covid Symptoms and Test and Trace

With the cold and flu season upon us, let me share with you some up to date information of what PHE and NHS are advising for recognising the difference between Covid-19 symptoms and those symptoms that are normally not Covid related.



If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

School drop-off and pick-up reminder on social distancing

A reminder that class teachers and support staff are present on the School gates to ensure that our one-way systems are followed and that children are looked after at all times whilst in our care. Please keep your 2m distance from teachers at these drop off and pick up times, and if you require a conversation with a staff member, please contact the front office to arrange a phone call later. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Keeping our staff and children safe, keeps our School open.

Pierced ears

If children are unable to take earing studs out for P.E, then they will not be able to participate. Essex LA schools are prohibited to allow ears to be taped during P.E. and it is not good practise to allow studs in ears for H&S reasons. If you are looking at piercing your child's ears, please arrange for it to take place in the Summer holidays, so as not to interfere with your child's P.E curriculum and development.

Weather dependent clothing

With the weather taking a sudden turn and thermometers dropping over the past two days, I have noticed some of our children not wearing appropriate School uniform for the weather. Over the weekend, please ensure you child has a jumper/cardigan at hand, as well as a coat/jacket on cooler days – like today has been.

School Census Day

I urge all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils to have a School dinner on <u>Thursday 1st October</u>. It is School Census day and every child who eats a School dinner on that day adds to the total school funding we receive for the next financial year. Please support our school in this matter and a reminder, School dinners are free for Reception and Years 1 &2.

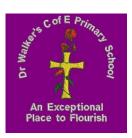
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A reminder, if you are not already signed in to receive our messages and updates, please see the top of this letter for details on how to sign up and start receiving messages and photos from your child's class teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend ahead. Stay safe and well.

Mr. Dale Bateman Executive Headteacher





'a culture that is focused on pupils' well-being as well as their academic achievement'
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