

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone for making our remote learning a great success. The children have been posting quality learning and responding to the lessons with great enthusiasm.

Here are a few of your comments and feedback.

“Thanks for the lessons on teams ... is really enjoying them.”

“... it’s been lovely to have an insight into the kind of work he is exposed to at school and it has been a pleasure to have a very small hand in this.”

“... loves the lessons set for today.”

Remote learning has been provided for all year groups over the closure period, but due to staff illness, our provision has been different for different year groups. Some teachers have not been well enough to deliver the live lessons we wanted to stream, but they have ensured that work is uploaded on seesaw and completed daily registers. Thank you for your understanding. The majority of our staff who have been ill are improving steadily and we are hoping to be fully open on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. We know that many families have been affected by the virus and we wish those who are still poorly a speedy recovery.

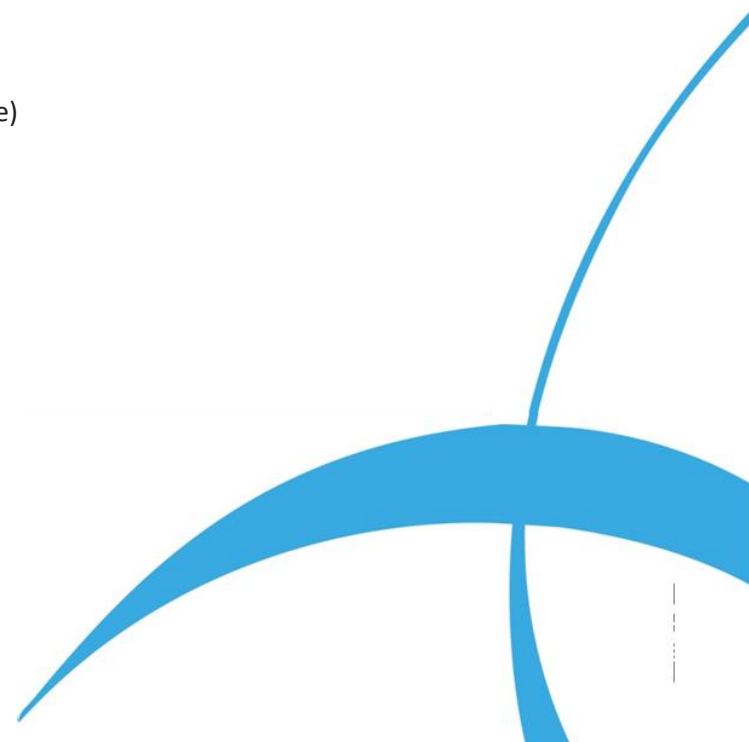
Please inform us of any suspected cases or members of the family who need a test. If one of your family goes for a covid test, please keep all siblings at home until the test results have been received. Please email [gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk) with all updates and confirmation of results.

### Next Week

We are looking forward to all year groups coming back next week. Here is a reminder of the staggered drop off and pick up times:

#### Nursery normal hours

Reception	8.50am - 3.00pm (Reduced lunchtime)
Year 1	8.40am - 3.10pm
Year 2	8.45am - 3.15pm
Year 3	8.35am - 3.05pm
Year 4	8.35am - 3.05pm
Year 5	8.45am - 3.15pm
Year 6	8.35am - 3.05pm



### Anti-bullying Week

Originally this was planned for the w/c 16<sup>th</sup> November. Some of the children have done remote learning around this during our closure. We will continue with our learning about bullying and falling out when we return to school during the w/c 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### Uniform

We are required to ventilate all classrooms by opening doors and windows. Although the heating is on it is very cold in school. Please make sure your child has extra layers on like a vest, skin or a plain black or navy fleece.

### Christmas

Instead of parties this year, we are going to have a Christmas event in each class on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. We would like to provide children with a drink, some crisps and treats. As we cannot ask you to donate food this year instead we are going to hold a **Dress Up Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

We suggest a 50p donation to be handed into the class teacher which will be used to provide refreshments on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Each class is going to organise their own event but they will all be on the same afternoon.

### Car Parking

When dropping off and collecting your child from school please could we ask you to park safely. In recent weeks the police have been patrolling outside school. If you park or drop off on the zig zag area this may incur an instant fine. We would ask you not to drop off by the gates on the zig zag lines.

### Will your child be 4 by 31 August 2021?

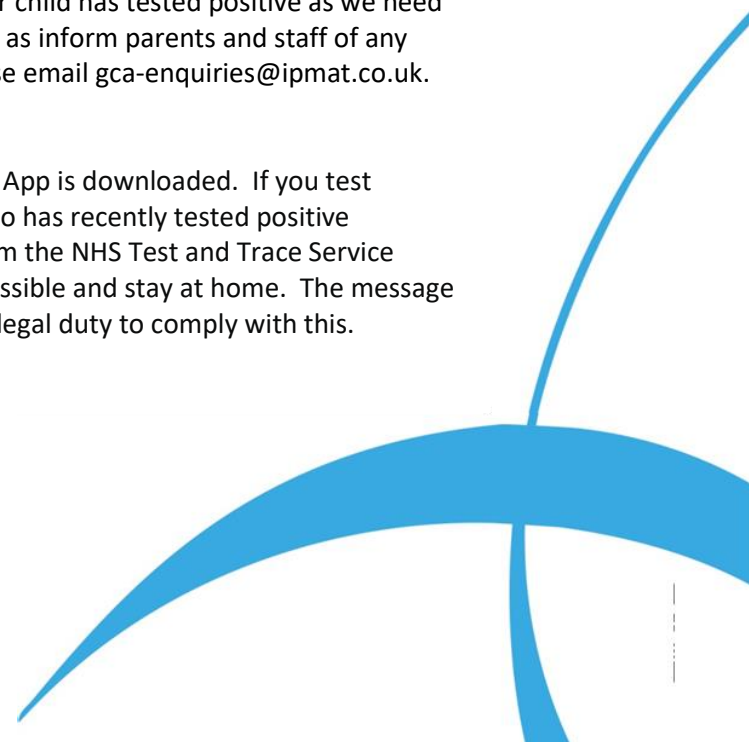
Please see attached poster to register your child for school.

### Covid Related Absence

Please make sure you let us know immediately if your child has tested positive as we need to act quickly to inform Public Health England as well as inform parents and staff of any necessary closures and isolation requirements. Please email [gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk).

### Re Positive Covid Tests and Self Isolation

The government recommend that the NHS COVID 19 App is downloaded. If you test positive or are identified as a contact of someone who has recently tested positive for COVID-19, you will receive an email/text alert from the NHS Test and Trace Service advising that you must now self-isolate as soon as possible and stay at home. The message will advise the date of the isolation period and it is a legal duty to comply with this.



The email/text message can be used as evidence and you can download a letter from the Isolation Note Service.

Schools will be asking staff and parents to provide evidence of the need to self-isolate so that an accurate record can be kept in school.

If you have any issues providing this information, please speak to the Headteacher.

### Picture News

Please find attached this week's Picture News poster. Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current issues. Each week there is a homework activity with an image and a question. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or wrong answers, it is a forum for discussion.



Mrs C Harris  
Head of School



Mrs P Gill  
Deputy Head of School



<u>Upcoming Diary Dates</u>		
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Who is it for?</b>
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dress Up Day	Everyone in Nursery and School – donation of 50p
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu vaccinations in School	Reception and Year 1 Plus any children who were absent on the 11.11.20
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Event	Everyone in Nursery and School Events in all classes
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	INSET Day	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Return to school	





# Picture News

at Home




23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020  
What's going on this week?



23rd-29th November  
**Should we always be  
treated the same?**

Boys' elite football academies for under-16s have been allowed to continue during England's four-week Lockdown but girls' equivalent regional training centres have been stopped. An online petition, started by 9-year-old female footballer Ellie Duffy, asked the Football Association (FA) to allow under 9s to under 16s girls' football academies to continue during Lockdown. Ellie's petition calls for the same opportunities for girls as boys during periods of Lockdown.

*Things to talk about at home...*

-  Why do you think Ellie decided to start the petition?
-  Do you think it was fair that boys' elite football was allowed to continue but not the girls'?
-  Can you think of any times where things might not have been fair? Did you do anything to change it?

*Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...*



*Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others on our discussion board: [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)*







# Will your child be 4 by 31 August 2021?

If the answer is **YES** and you're a Wakefield resident you must apply for a full-time school place **NOW**, as your child will not automatically be given a place.

**APPLY ONLINE, APPLY ON TIME**

Complete your online application form at [www.wakefield.gov.uk/admit](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/admit) and submit it by the closing date of **15 January 2021**

This service is easy to use and you can log on to get your offer of a place on **16 April 2021**.



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