



Friezland Primary School

September 4th 2020

Welcome Back!

The staff and Governors welcome you all back for a new academic year. We are so impressed with how our children have returned to school despite many being away since March. They are adapting to our new normal without complaining- it's great to see everyone's smiles again!

We would particularly like to welcome our new families to Friezland. Our Reception children seem to have enjoyed their visits this week and we look forward to welcoming them full-time from next week.

We also welcome to the team, Miss Emily Skeldon and Mrs Lisa Mansfield, our new teaching assistants and Mr Phineas Winterbottom, our new Midday Supervisor. We hope they enjoy working at Friezland.

Many of our usual events this year, will happen COVID permitting but we're working hard to make sure our children still have exciting events to take part in. **The newsletter, which is e-mailed each week, is our main source of communication so please make sure we have your correct e-mail address. They are also uploaded to the school website on a regular basis.**



COVID 19: The new norm

Prior to children returning to school, we carried out a full risk assessment which was verified by the LA. Now that the children have returned and we are seeing our plans in action, we will be adjusting some of our measures to ensure our pupils are as safe as can be and that the school day runs smoothly with minimum disruptions to learning. Thank you for your patience as we adjust what isn't working. We'll communicate any changes you need to be aware of.

Should a lock down be enforced once more or a school bubble be required to self-isolate, we will use Google Classroom to support learning from home.

We thank you in advance for not sending your child into school if they are unwell with any symptoms. If your child displays the key COVID symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss to sense of smell/taste), we advise arranging for a COVID test: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>



Frosties: September 2020

Frosties has reopened! Booking-in forms have been e-mailed to families and paper copies can be sent home with your child or collected when you drop/collect your child from the service.

Our 2020-21 times and fees are as follows

Annual Registration Fee: £5.00 (charged in September on receipt of registration form) PLEASE RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM ASAP.

Breakfast Club:

Session: 7.30 - 8.45 a.m. £4.50

No child can be admitted before 7:30am

After School:

Part Session: 3.20 - 4.30 p.m. £4.00

Full session: 3.20 - 5.45 p.m. £7.60

Frosties is a pay-in-advance service via your Eduspot account. Child Care Vouchers can also be used if sent in advance of bookings. Please e-mail info@friezland.oldham.sch.uk to alert us to any voucher transfers so we can add them to your child's account accordingly.

Google Classroom

The children in Class 3 and 4 have logged into their GC account this week (unless you have already updated the password). Log in details were sent home at the end of term. We will be using GC for weekly home-learning from Friday 11th Sept and to share class information so it's really important you and your child know how to log into their account. We'll get Class 1 and 2 on next week unless you've already had success at home.

Dates for the Diary 20-21

SEPTEMBER

9th Sept: Class 4 (Y5&6) Meet the teacher via ZOOM, 5pm

10th Sept: Class 3 (Y3&4) Meet the teacher via ZOOM, 5pm

16th Sept: Class 1 (YR) Meet the teacher via ZOOM, 5pm

17th Sept: Class 2 (Y1&2) Meet the teacher via ZOOM, 5pm

16th Sept: Class 3 start swimming lessons (awaiting confirmation, details to follow)

OCTOBER

6th Oct: Class 4 visit to Castleshaw Centre (Outdoor Adventure)

22nd Oct (THUS): School closes for half-term, 3:20pm.

23rd Oct: Staff Training Day

Our school holiday calendar 20-21 is on our school website and has previously been e-mailed home. Please check the dates carefully as some dates differ to the Oldham generic calendar which they publish on-line. 21-22 will be published later this term.



School Dinners: Autumn term 1

We are one of the few schools who have managed to offer hot and cold meals from September. Please support our school meal service- If we don't use it, we may lose it! Dinners are **FREE** to all children in Year R, 1 and 2 and also to any families entitled to Universal Credit. For all other families, meals are priced at £2.40 per day and should be paid for in advance. Please top-up your Eduspot account accordingly. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU GIVE SCHOOL TWO-WEEKS NOTICE IF YOU WISH TO MAKE ANY CHANGES.**

For Autumn term 1: Weekly £12.00 (5 days) / Half-term: £88.80 (37 days)



Secondary School Place 2021

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2021, please make sure that you complete the on-line application form which will open on the **1st August until the 31st October** www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions (for Oldham residents only). A letter has been e-mailed home with further details. Tameside families should be contacted separately as you must apply through the appropriate borough, regardless of where the secondary school is.

Music Tuition

We are also hopeful that music tuition can resume in the next few weeks with COVID safe adjustments. If your child wishes to stop or continue with KEYBOARD lessons, have you emailed the office to let us know? Once numbers are known, we can then look at any vacancies for new pupils. Please also e-mail the office to register your child's interest. **No fees will be payable until we are certain lessons will resume and are clear about how the lessons will run.**



Get well Soon

As you may be aware, Miss Hodgson (Class 3 teacher) is currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer and therefore won't be at work for a while. Miss Leigh will take responsibility for the teaching and learning in Class 3, full time, whilst Miss Hodgson is away. We're sending lots of get well soon wishes to Miss Hodgson and hope her treatment and recovery go well.



Phone Line Issues

It appears our telephone difficulties are more complicated than we originally thought! After having several engineers to the site to 'troubleshoot', we have been advised that we require a new system. We pride ourselves on our communications between home and school at Friezland and are working to get things sorted as soon as possible. **If you ring the school number, it will ring but it isn't connecting at school so please don't think we are ignoring you!** If you wish to contact us, please email the school office info@friezland.oldham.sch.uk or ring the Frostie mobile 07874 657065 and we will get back to you asap.

Eduspot Account

The phone issues are also causing technical difficulties with Eduspot- **we will issue our new families with an account as soon as we can.** Thanks for your patience.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Miss Leigh is meeting with Sport Development this week to discuss our extra-curricular provision for the autumn term. As soon as we have information, we will e-mail relevant classes with the information. Karate will resume from Thursday 10th September.

Mon Club: Details to follow, 3:30-4:30pm.

Tue Club: Details to follow, 3:30-4:30pm.

Thus Club: Karate for Concentration, 3:20-4:15pm
(places are booked directly with the club

[0800-0855-099](tel:0800-0855-099) / team@kaizendokarate.com)



Meet the Teachers- Virtually

At this time of year, we usually arrange a 'Meet the teacher' meeting at school so that families have the opportunity to learn about the routines as expectations for your child as they enter a new year group. Unfortunately, as we aren't allowed additional adults in school at present, the teachers will be hosting a ZOOM meeting. Whilst not ideal, it will allow for key information to be shared and for you to raise any questions/queries you have. An invitation from will be e-mailed to you in the near future. The meetings are all 5pm and the dates are listed in the 'Dates for the Diary' on the newsletter. Children do not need to sit in on the meeting. If you are unable to join the meeting, the PowerPoint and information will be shared on the school website, following the meeting.

ZOOM