



Friezland Primary School

January 8th 2021

Welcome back...

The term got off to a fantastic start on Monday with 100% attendance from pupils. Unfortunately, by 8:00pm, we were all put back into a COVID 19 lock down meaning that once again we have had to close to all pupils, with the exception of those with a key worker parent and/or vulnerable. Whilst many of us expected some sort of lock down over the winter months, we didn't expect this and certainly not at such short and late notice. Staff worked into the night to make preparations to ensure all children, whether learning virtually or face-to-face would feel reassured, supported and safe. As previously communicated, demand for places has been significantly higher this time. Please remember that home is the safest place for your child at the moment and we are grateful for the flexible approaches many of you have taken, no matter how difficult, to ensure that this is where your child can remain. **Children should not be in school if a parent is able to work from home nor if siblings are at home. Stay safe.**



Frosties: Before & After School Club

Unfortunately, we have had to temporarily CLOSE Frosties. We know this is a valued service and we will let you know if/when we can re-open. Please can we request that ALL outstanding debt from the autumn term is cleared as a matter of urgency. Significant debt will be passed onto the LA for recovery so please speak with us in confidence if you need to set up a payment plan. Please e-mail info@friezland.oldham.sch.uk to alert us to any voucher transfers so we can credit them to your child's account accordingly (block transfers preferred).



School Dinners: Spring Term 1

We are currently able to provide a hot meal for those children attending school. If you pay for school meals, please ensure you credit your account accordingly and in advance. Accounts will remain in credit for when the children return. Please contact school if you have any queries regarding this.

Extra-Curricular Clubs & Music Tuition: Spring term 1

Our extra-curricular clubs and music tuition for Spring term 1 have been cancelled due to external providers not being advised to attend school sites. **Friezland refunds are being processed.** Please contact Kaizen-Do karate directly if you have not heard from them.

Primary School Place 2021: DEADLINE APPROACHING

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2021, please make sure that you complete the on-line application forms by the **closing date of 15.01.20, 5pm.**

https://mailchi.mp/846832df5916/primary-school-applications_2020 (Oldham residents)

https://admission.tameside.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F (Tameside residents)

COVID 19 Updates

For those children attending school, please ensure communications continue with regards to COVID 19. Whether a pupil or household member has presented with symptoms, is awaiting a test result or has been contacted by 'track and trace' to self-isolate, we ask that you contact school and keep us updated. This will ensure we work in partnership to support the safety of all.



Remote Learning

Google Classrooms is well established with our pupils and you will no doubt have become acquainted with it this week. We fully appreciated that the platform relies on using IT and having a good internet connection and that even if you have that in your household, it will more than likely be shared between siblings and parents working from home. Paper packs have been made available to all classes to help support this and for those children who prefer to learn in this way. The Government are also providing schools with data sim cards to help boost data at home. Please contact the class teacher in confidence, if this may help improve home learning for you.

We would like to emphasise that home Learning is very different to school learning. The tasks set by your child's class teacher are there to act as a guide and each family should take as much or as little as suits their individual needs. Staff are happy for you to adapt and change their activities accordingly but are also there for advice and guidance as best we can- **contact us!** If your learning journey takes you in a different direction- that's fine with us. Our children's wellbeing during this difficult time is the most important factor and we encourage you to make the most of the outdoors and your permitted daily exercise as a family. After the first lock down, many of us spoke about the things we would do differently if it happened again- remind yourself of what you said.

Please remember that ALL children are different and that ALL our circumstances differ too.



Joining Friezland School

We currently have one pupil space **on our school roll** in Y6 and Y4 and two spaces in Y1. If you know anyone who requires a permanent place in these year groups, please ask them to contact us and we can discuss and advise on any next steps. (Not to be confused with current key worker spaces).

Dates for the Diary 2020-2021

January

19th Jan: No Pens Day!

19th Jan: Y6 SAT's Meeting **CANCELLED**- the Government have cancelled all SATS for 2021.

22nd Jan: The School Council's 'Break the Rules' Day **POSTPONED**

