Fountain Primary School

**Welcome to Primary 2/3**

Dear Parent,

I am delighted to be welcoming your child back to school and into my class this year. We have all had a very difficult year due to the current pandemic. However, by following guidelines from the Education Minister I am excited to put measures into place to teach your child and help them to have a fun, filled year ahead. Class will be a little different from what your child will be used to but I will try my best to keep it as normal as possible to reduce any fears or anxiety.

Below is a list of some of our school and class routines.

**Class Teacher:** Miss Cooke **Classroom Assistant:** Mrs Best

**School and Class Routines:**

* **Class starts** at 8.55am sharp. I will meet all pupils in my class at the bus turning circle at the top of Wapping Lane. We will then walk up the steps and through the playground. We will enter class using the back door. Please do not drop your child/children off any earlier than this I will be only be available from 8.50am.

Children will sanitise their hands before entering the building.

* **Break:** 10.30-10.45am **Lunch:** 12.00-1.00pm
* **Class ends** at 2.00pm for all children. I will walk the children back down through the playground and down the steps to the bus tuning circle. Please remember social distancing when coming to collect your child. For those children that avail of the school bus, afterschool’s will be available from 2pm- 3pm beginning on Wednesday 1st September.
* **Break:** P2 and P3 children will be provided with a break each day. This will include a selection of fruit, pancakes, crackers, toast, yoghurt and a glass of milk/water. Please send in £1.50 (correct change please) at the beginning of each week in a named envelope (these can be purchased from the school office for £3.00) for your child to benefit from this. **Please advise of any food allergies as soon as possible.** Children can bring their own water bottle for their desk (water only). Please ensure this is named.
* **Dinner:** Dinner money must be paid at the beginning of each week. The cost of dinner for the week is £13.00 or £2.60 per day. Please do not allow arrears to build up and correct change should be sent. We encourage all children to eat a school dinner.
* **Absence:** If your child is absent from school for any reason, please ensure a note is sent in to the class teacher or via Seesaw, explaining why as soon as your child returns. This ensures our records are kept up-to-date.
* **Medical:** For children, who have urgent medical appointments during the school day; please send in a signed note to the class teacher a day prior to their appointment. If any children require medication, can you please request and complete a Medication form available from the class teacher.
* **Money:** All money brought to school should be in a named envelope.

Yellow envelopes can be purchased from the school office for £3.00.

* **Uniform:** Please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform at all times: white shirt, school tie, school jumper, grey trousers or skirt, white socks for girls and black shoes. We ask that you name every piece of uniform as it is very easy to get them mixed up.
* **PE:** Please ensure your child has the correct uniform at all times for PE: School jumper, white PE t-shirt, black shorts, white socks and either black PE slippers or black trainers. For health and safety reasons your child will be unable to take part in PE without the correct footwear and uniform. Children should wear their PE uniform to school on the day of their PE which is a ***Friday***.
* **Homework:** - Homework will be set via Seesaw. All children will receive Phonics (spellings/sounds) and Numeracy (number work) at the beginning of the week. Please ensure that these are completed as the children will be tested on a Friday. Work should be prepared neatly and carefully. Please ensure your child writes with a sharpened pencil. Biros/pens should not be used. P2/3 will also receive a reading book on a Monday to be returned by Friday. You will find details of what homework your child will be set in the attached homework letter.
* **Class bubbles**: - P2/3 will continue to be in their own class bubble. All P1,2,3 will have lunch and outdoor time together however they will be separated to keep each bubble safe.
* **School bags** are now allowed to be brought to school. I feel it is much easier for children to be able to keep their work/belongings safe when travelling to and from school. Please remember to send in a pencil case and equipment needed to enhance your child’s learning. A letter containing information will be provided. Each child should also bring in a box of tissues.

I am looking forward to a super year with your child and am very much looking forward to your support and co-operation throughout the year. Please feel that you are very welcome to email me regarding any issues throughout the year. **lcooke616@c2kni.net**Or you can also make contact via Seesaw or our newly developed school website.

Finally, I hope you have had a lovely Summer and I look forward to welcoming you and your child into Primary 2/3.

Yours Sincerely,

L.Cooke