



Hello everyone

What a very busy week it has been in school! The children have been sharing with us what they can remember so that we can make sure we can teach them the things that they might have forgotten, as well as the new things they need to know. There have been some great examples of resilience from children who have not given up when faced with a challenge in their work: they have persevered in attempts to try different ways and we are very proud of them for doing so!



This week, we have had lots of feedback from parents and carers about the procedures we have put in place to support social distancing at the start and end of the day. The biggest concern parents and carers have told us about is related to pick-up times. We do have staggered pick-up times for the children. Once a parent or carer has collected their first child, they must collect any siblings immediately and leave the school site through the nearest 'OUT' gate. We MUST NOT have groups of parents standing in the playground with one another when their children have been collected: EVERYONE MUST keep moving and maintain social distancing! Please could parents of younger children hold their hands so that they do not get lost and can also keep safe. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend, and stay safe.

Cathy Grace
Acting Headteacher

Important Reminder!

Next week **Year 3** must come to school in their uniform on Monday not in their PE kit. The school photographer will be taking photographs on Monday 21st September and we want the children looking super smart! Thank you.



Safeguarding



My name is Miss Loach and I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school. We have an open door policy here at Thornton and I would be happy to speak to any member of the school community who may have concerns about the welfare or safety of any child, whether the concerns are at school or in the wider community.



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Mental Health Matters

While we know many children are thriving and pleased to be back in school there are also many, some invisibly, dealing with much more than they should have to right now. We have therefore compiled a list of useful websites that we hope you will find useful.



YOUNGMINDS
The voice for young people's mental health and wellbeing



Children and young people can find online information on COVID-19 and mental health on the Young Minds website (<https://youngminds.org.uk>)

Birmingham City Council have a COVID-19 site full of resources for SEND and additional support which can be found here -



Every Mind Matters campaign is NHS approved. They have a range of resources for supporting families and tips for teachers.

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns regarding a child's mental health and well-being.



Remember! We post links and support on the school Twitter feed on a weekly basis. <https://twitter.com/Thornton0wls>



PE Timetable

W/C Monday 21ST September

Tuesday 22nd September –YEAR 5

Wednesday 23rd September-YEAR 6

Thursday 24th September –YEAR 4

Friday 25th September-6NI ONLY



W/C– MONDAY 28TH September

Monday 28th September-YEAR 4

TUESDAY 29TH September -YEAR 6

Wednesday 30th September-YEAR 3

Thursday 1st October –YEAR 5

Friday 2nd October -3EB ONLY



School Photographer

On **Monday 21st September** we have booked a School Photography company to take photos of the children.

Please make sure your child is dressed smartly in their uniform on this day.

Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to do any family or sibling photos due to our new safety procedures.

Attendance

Please can you contact the school office to inform us of the reason why your child is absent. Can parents/carers please give school as much information as possible about your child's absences. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with the school nurse please ring the school office.



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