



5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, we're back – or at least some of us are. On Thursday this week, we welcomed over 30 of our EYFS, year 1 and year 6 children back to school. At last, the sound of chatter and laughter echoes around the building (they are learning too!...). We are so pleased to see them back. We are looking forward to another 6 or 7 joining us on Monday. The children have all settled well into their groups and adapted quickly to new routines.

If your child is in EYFS, year 1 or year 6 and you are waiting to decide whether to send your child back, please make sure you contact us, we will get back to you within 48 hours (on school days) to let you know when and where to bring your child.

Thank you for all of your support in home learning with your child. We have had lots of positive feedback about the learning packs. Many children return much of their work for their teacher to see or email in work they have done or photos of themselves doing it. Some of these have been shared on the class pages of the school website – take a look – and email in anything you are happy to be shared in this way.

Please remember to keep reading with and to your children, we are happy to provide you with new reading books. We put returned books aside for 72 hours, then wipe the covers down before re-issuing them. We are happy to lend story books too, if you would like something new to read together at bedtimes.

We have remained open for the entire COVID emergency for children of essential workers and pupils with EHCPs – this will remain the case going forward. These children will also be kept in small groups of no more than 15 and also have staggered lunch/play times, their own allocated toilet facilities and consistent staff members. If your child/ren fall into this group and your work rota means that you might need our help, please let us know.

Please continue to contact your class teacher via the new class email addresses set up if you have any questions related to the work. Any general queries are welcome using the email address [admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk) or via phone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

*Tessa Sait*  
Headteacher

## Work Packs

Work packs continue to be available for years 2, 3, 4 and 5. Please continue to communicate with your class teacher and ask for any help you need. We will still be able to print packs for anyone struggling with their home printer – **but please contact your class teacher if you want a printed pack next week**– we have lots of uncollected packs we are printing – possibly ink for home printers is easier to come by now and fewer need copies?

In the short term, we will continue to provide some form of work pack to children in EYFS, Y1 and Y6. This may not be sustainable long term as teachers are already planning and delivering work to their classes and some also for year groups not currently in school. The work in class is as you would expect, quite different to the type that can be sent home.

## Uniform Orders

We will be ordering new uniform very soon; if you would like something ordered, please let us know by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm. Phone the office 01449 766224 or email [admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk)

### **Support for Mental Well-being During the Lockdown.**

You can always call us for advice and support, the school nursing team is still operating and we can sign post you to a variety of organisations for additional support – for yourself or your child. You might find the following useful:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

[www.samaritans.org.uk](http://www.samaritans.org.uk)

Here is a short activity to do with your child if they are worrying about coronavirus

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/cco-childrens-guide-to-coronavirus.pdf>