

18 August 2016



Dear Parent / Carer

It is lovely to welcome everyone back after the summer break to glorious weather. The primary 1 pupils have settled well and have had a good start to their first session at Onthank.

The children in the Early Childhood Centre have also settled into the nursery routine and are enjoying the range of activities provided.

I would like to bring the following information to your attention.

### **Childhood Infectious Diseases: Measles, Chickenpox & Shingles**

Please may we ask for your co-operation in this important matter.

One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment for leukaemia that puts them at risk from measles, chickenpox and shingles. If they come in to contact with anyone suffering from these conditions the pupil requires to be given some protection against them. Unfortunately this has to be given within 72 hours of the contact.

We would ask therefore that if your child develops measles, chickenpox or shingles that you inform us **immediately** so that appropriate action may be taken.

Your child is not at any risk from this situation, however, the health of our pupil does depend on your co-operation in this important matter.

### **Allergies**

We have some people with nut allergies and so **no snacks containing nuts or nut products** should be sent to school.

### **School Meals**

The school meals menu changes on Monday 22 August starting with week 2 (you will have received a copy of this). It is also available on the school website.

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### **Pupil Collection**

If you are collecting/dropping off more than one child and would like the older child/ren to go in/out a different door, please send a note to the class teacher.

### **Personal Items**

The children look very smart in their new uniforms and your effort is greatly appreciated. We want to prevent loss of personal items, including clothes, so I ask that everything belonging to your child is marked with their name. I know many of you have done this and thank you, but due to the hot weather, some cardigans and tops were removed which didn't have the owners' name and this makes it difficult to return.

### **Annual Data Check Form / Consent Form**

Please complete, sign and return the attached forms to the school by Friday 26 August. The Annual Data Check form is an important document that ensures we hold the most up to date contact and medical information for your child; therefore it is very important that you notify us of any changes as soon as possible.

This year we are asking that you complete one consent form for outings associated with the curriculum to cover your child for the entire academic year. Without a signed copy of this form, your child will not have permission to leave the school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher