THE DEAN TRUST
Forest Gate Academy

# NEWSLETTER

**Friday 18th September 2020**

## Headteacher Comment

Katy Higginson
Head of School

Like every school, we've had many questions about when children should stay home, when they can come in to school, and when they should get a test. We are committed to keeping both children and staff members safe now they have returned to us. With this in mind, the 3 key symptoms for you to look out for are as follows:

***The most common symptoms of coronavirus (CoVid-19) are any of the following:***

· A new continuous cough

· A high temperature (feel hot to touch on the chest or back)

· A loss or change in your normal sense of taste or smell

***Please don't send your child into school if:***

· They are unwell and you normally wouldn't send them in e.g. sickness bug etc.

· Anyone in the household has Coronavirus symptoms, is awaiting testing or their test result, or has tested positive.

For the safety of the children and staff, we kindly request that parents only come into the school grounds for essential reasons. If you have information you need to share with us or a question you want to ask then please contact us by phone or email in the first instance.

You will be pleased to know that the children are taking everything in their stride. They have already started the recovery curriculum to catch up on lost learning. Children have settled in well and are happy and positive in school, despite the changes. They have been a credit to their families and teachers.

Thank you.

Mrs Higginson

## Please remember

- **Timings –** Please do not enter the school gates until 8.35am, this is the time in our risk assessment so that parents are not waiting on school premises. Thank you
- **Uniform –** Please ensure your child is in full school uniform or full school PE kit every day.
- **Earrings –** Earrings are against the dress code policy across the Dean Trust. Please ensure earrings are taken out before school.
- **Homework –** Classes are having homework set on our online learning platforms each week, please make sure this is completed as well as reading at least three times a week and spellings.
- **Accelerated Reader –** Please can we also ask that once the children have finished reading their book they complete the quiz on Accelerated Reader.

| **Attendance**<br>**Week Ending 18.09.2020** | |
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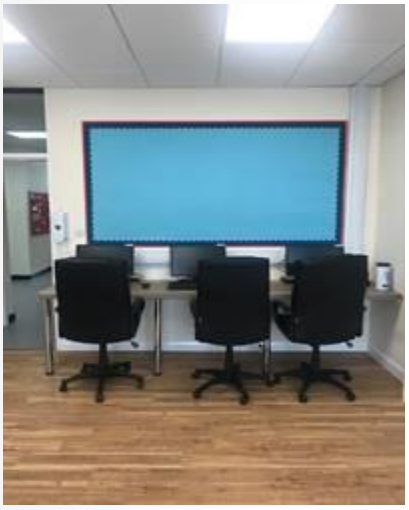
| R | 93 |
| Y1 | 97.7 |
| Y2 | 98.4 |
| Y3 | 96.8 |
| Y4 | 98.3 |
| Y5 | 93.2 |
| Y6 | 98.9 |
| Whole School (weekly) | 96.5 |
| Whole School (Sept to date) | 94 |
| **Target 97%** | |

**School Improvements**

Staff were very busy throughout the time that FGA was closed to children from March to June, during this time we made many changes to the school building and grounds. The staffroom was finished, meaning we now have space for all staff to have a break and computers for PPA time. We had a new kitchen and floor fitted in the extended school room, this is for our breakfast and after school club when we are able to offer this service again. We transformed a classroom into a reading room, with incredible displays to promote the love of reading we have at FGA and we also added books and seating to the reading shed for children to enjoy at playtime and lunchtimes. Finally we had some new gym equipment installed that children can use during PE and playtimes. We are really proud of these additions and hope the children and staff can enjoy them throughout the years.



**School Values & Stars of the Week**

**Nursery = Che Lloyd & Heidi McKenna**
**Rec = Jayce Matley & Lyla Lloyd**
**Y1 = Lilly Mae Ginty & Lowan Lees**
**Y2 = Olivia Gilmore & Leo Farr**
**Y3 = Maia Hussein & Freya Walton**
**Y4 = Renea Riley & Max Yates**
**Y5 = Blake Jackson & Bethany Clayton**
**Y6 = Gracie Alek & Lily Jarman**

**Terrific Time Keepers**
**Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5**
**Well Done !!**

Please see the below helpful information.

**Boots RECOGNISING CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS**

| SYMPTOMS | CORONAVIRUS Symptoms range from mild to severe | COLD Gradual onset of symptoms | FLU Rapid onset of symptoms | HAYFEVER | ASTHMA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fever (≥37.8°C) | Common | Rare | Common | No | No |
| Cough | Common (usually dry & continuous) | Mild | Common (usually dry) | Sometimes (usually dry) | Sometimes (wheeze & cough) |
| Shortness of breath | Sometimes | No | No | No | Sometimes |
| Headache | Sometimes | Rare | Common | Sometimes | No |
| Sore throat | Sometimes | Common | Sometimes | 'Itchy' throat | No |
| Runny / stuffy nose | Rare | Common | Sometimes | Common | No |
| Sneezing | No | Common | No | Common | Rare |
| Aches & pains | Sometimes | Common | Common | No | No |
| Fatigue | Sometimes | Sometimes | Common | Sometimes | No |
| Diarrhoea | Rare | No | Sometimes (for children) | No | No |