



# Catshill First School and Nursery

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Our value for September is Relationships  
Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.

Friendship is a two-way street, not a one way road.



Talk about what these two quotes mean and how you can strengthen the relationships you have with your friends.

## Remote Learning

Like all schools, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we have to put in plans for the continuation of children's education should a child be isolating, we need to close one of our bubbles or we are asked to lockdown.

The Government has made it clear that schools will remain open as long as possible and First Schools would be among the last to close. Our tiered response was shared with you via Epraise earlier this week.

**Individual absence** - If a child is absent due to Covid 19 (perhaps they are showing symptoms, awaiting a test or isolating due to a family member having a positive test), we will send out a work pack with 3-4 days worth of learning. This work is linked to the child's current topic and learning. If they continue to be absent, a further work pack will then be sent. This will all be sent via Epraise.

**Bubble Closure** - If a positive diagnosis of Covid 19 occurs for an adult or child in one of our bubbles and we are asked to close, we would offer remote learning opportunities which link directly to the learning that would have been taking place in the classroom. There will be daily lessons/activities in English, maths, reading, spelling/phonics and topic. From the second day of closure, your child's class teacher will also offer a daily check in. All work and links will be sent out via Epraise. Photos of work will be able to be sent back to the teacher for feedback.

**Remote Learning Books** - Today, your child will bring home an exercise book which we would like you to store carefully ready for use if your child's bubble has to close. Please keep it safely so your child can do their school work in it if required. We very much hope that you won't need to use it but want to be ready just in case.

Details of our latest information regarding Covid-19 pupil related absence can be found at the end of this newsletter and is also available on our website [here](#).



## Parents Evening Autumn 2020

This term we will be conducting our Autumn parents evening via telephone due to the current situation. Teachers will call you to discuss your child week commencing 12th October. Early next week you will receive a form via epraise letting you know dates and times that the teachers will be available and asking you to choose a suitable slot. 30 minute slots will be given and we aim that you will receive a 5 minute phone call within this time. Please look out for this form then complete and return as soon as possible.

**\*DON'T FORGET FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS\***



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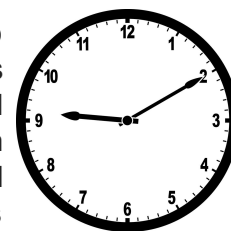


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## ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

We are restricting the use of the front entrance to school for pupils. This is to keep our children safe by reducing the chances of pupils from different bubbles cross contaminating within the school. Our extended opening time in the morning should support most parents who are running late and we thank parents for keeping within these extended times. Those who are late will need to sign their child in at the school office then take their child to the glass corridor (between school and Children's Centre) to await a member of staff who will escort their child to class.



Children should come to school in their PE kit or Forest School clothing on their allocated days (details of which can be found [here](#)). Please ensure that clothing for Forest School is suitable and appropriate for the weather conditions on that day. Children may wear trainers for PE as, where possible, sessions will be taken outside.

## New Reading Books

We have ordered additional reading books across the whole school so that we have plenty for the children. This means that as books come back, we can quarantine them and still have enough to issue new ones.



## Free School Meals

Has your situation changed? Do you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals? If you believe that you might be entitled, please use this link to apply [Apply online](#).  
[Applying for Free School Meals](#)



## Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday 30th September** - Falconer visit to Year 3
- **Friday 2nd October** = Teacher Training Day, School Closed to Pupils
- **Monday 12th - Friday 16th October** - Parents Evening Phone Calls
- **Monday 26th - Friday 30th October** - Half Term
- **Friday 20th November** - Flu Vaccines (Rec - Year 4) - this may be subject to change and will advise accordingly

## E-safety Reminder

We will keep this reminder about e-safety on our newsletter as we know that the use of internet and technology has increased. Please continue to be mindful of the dangers of being on-line as well as the advantages. Please see our school website for further details [eSafety](#) or use the support on the Think You Know website [Thinkuknow - home](#).



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