

Byerley Park Primary School Newsletter

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Staff News

I am delighted and thrilled to share the news with you that Mrs Pattison, our current Deputy Head and Year 6 Teacher, will be the new Head Teacher of Byerley Park. She will take up her new role on 1st January 2021.

I know that you will join with me in sending her our congratulations on her appointment and I am confident that Byerley Park will be in safe hands when I leave at the end of December.

We will begin the process of recruiting her replacement as soon as possible.

Covid-19

As you are already aware, we have had multiple cases of Covid-19 across the school, leading to our current closure until 5th October. I would like to express my sincere thanks to those parents who have gone out of their way to support us. It has meant so much to all the hardworking staff at school. The staff that tested positive have been really ill with this nasty virus and some are still not well at all. We hope that they will have recovered enough to return to work when we reopen.

We completely understand that this whole situation is very frustrating and worrying for everyone and we would like nothing more than to remain open and be there to educate our lovely children. However, we are in uncharted and torrid waters across the country right now and the old normal is not possible. We will continue to follow Government Guidelines at all times. Staff will also wear visors around school when we come back.

If your child displays any of the Covid-19 symptoms (a new, persistent cough, a high temperature – over 37.8 degrees Celsius or a sudden loss of taste or smell), please keep your child off school and arrange for them to take a test. Your whole household should also self-isolate until the results of the test are known. Please keep school informed of the results – via email is best - byerleypark@durhamlearning.net

Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme – nasal flu vaccine

Staff from the NHS Immunisation Team will be in school on the morning of **Friday 23rd October** to administer this year's Nasal Flu Vaccine (by means of nasal drops). The vaccine is available to all children, however, parental consent **MUST** be given. This vaccine has been offered in school for several years now and it has been effective in reducing the risk of children contracting the flu virus.

An email was sent, via Parentpay on 11th September, to tell you about this, together with a letter from the NHS, asking you to complete their **on-line consent** form. Please could I encourage all parents to read this letter and take the appropriate action, if you have not already done so. Without your consent, your child will **not** be immunised. If you have deleted the email, do not worry as the email and letter from the NHS will be stored on your ParentPay Account under the 'communications' tab. You can retrieve this and access the links from within the letter.

Parents' Evenings

We had intended to hold Parents' Evenings in October. However, in the current climate, it will not be possible to hold these in the traditional way. We are exploring other options available to us and we will let you know as soon as we can of the new arrangements.