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What's happening at

Meltham School's Out

Welcome back, everyone!

We'd like to welcome you all back to the club. We hope you all had a lovely Summer and are ready to get back!

Also, welcome to our new starters, whether you're starting Reception or are joining us from other year groups.

Opening and Closing Times

A quick reminder that the club opens for breakfast club at 7.30am, and closes at 6.00pm.

COVID-19 Government Guidance

Here at the club, we are continuing to follow all Government guidance and school procedure as much as is possible.

We have now reverted back to 'pre-COVID' arrangements, including no 'bubble' system, which means all children are free to use any part of the club room and can mix with children from other classes and year groups.

Children will still be reminded to wash their hands on entry to the club and before and after eating.

Face coverings are not mandatory for staff or parents/carers, but may wear them if they so wish. Appropriate PPE is still worn by staff that prepare and serve food.

As of August 16th, fully vaccinated adults and children under 18 will not be required to isolate if they are identified as a close contact. Should your child contract Coronavirus, they will need to isolate and follow NHS advice. NHS will be responsible for contact tracing.

If your child shows symptoms, it is recommended that they have a PCR test. If your child's results come back positive, they must isolate for 10 days, but siblings do not.

If your child shows symptoms whilst at the club, you or one of your emergency contacts will be informed and asked to collect them as soon as possible. It is then recommended that you take a Lateral Flow Test. If this shows as positive, you can get a free PCR test. If the PCR test then comes back 'negative' and is taken within 2 days of the 'positive' Lateral Flow test, the PCR test will override this result and your child can return to the club.

There are now 2 hand sanitizing stations located at 2 doors in the club room and we are promoting the message 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.

Mobile Phones

We are so pleased to once again welcome parents and carers back into the club at collection. However, in the interest of Safeguarding, we must remind you that whilst in the room, please do not use your mobile phone.

A Few Changes

Since we can now return to 'pre-COVID' routine, there will be a few changes to the activities and menu on offer at the club.

From the week commencing 4th October, at afterschool club we will once again be offering a craft for the children to do. This is usually based around a theme, a holiday or sometimes even a school topic. We also regularly gather suggestions from the children, so the craft may even be from the children's own ideas.

We are also now once again able to offer a wider range of snack options at both breakfast and afterschool club. We have re-introduced porridge at breakfast, and afternoon snacks such as baked potato and pasta bake.

Each week on Twitter we are going to start posting what our afternoon snack will be for the following week. So keep a look-out for this! Our Twitter information is at the top of this newsletter if you are not yet following us.

Drop-off and Collection

We understand that mornings can be a rush, so we offer the option for you to sign your child in at the door. It is in accordance with Health and Safety that you must accompany your child to the door to drop off at breakfast club. The club entrance is located in the staff car park, which can be incredibly busy. Children should not be walking in the car park unaccompanied.

Big Congratulations!

As some of you may know already, the club manager Catherine got married during the summer holiday, after a 3-year engagement, 4 different dates, a global pandemic and 3 different venues! We all wish her huge congratulations and best wishes for the future.

If you have recently received an email from the club, you will notice that her surname has now changed!

Wellbeing

The past 18 months have undoubtedly been an upheaval for everyone in one way or another; with pressure being put on employment, education and finances. With that in mind, the following websites offer support for a variety of issues that families might be facing:

- www.mind.org.uk
- www.nspcc.org.uk
- www.home-start.org.uk
- www.annafreud.org
- www.nhs.uk

The school has links to these websites, as well as further information in their 'Wellbeing' section on their website.

Remember to look after yourselves!

Notable Dates

Thursday 30th September: October fees are due

Monday 25th—Friday 29th October: Half Term

And Finally...

This newsletter will be available via email and on social media, however if you wish to have a printed version, please ask a member of the team, who will be happy to print one for you.

We hope everyone has had a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you all again as the term progresses and we all get back into the swing of things.

Best wishes,

The Meltham School's Out Team