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Dear Parents and Carers,



I am sure you are all feeling saddened by the passing of Her Majesty the Queen yesterday. We have now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral. As a school we will remain open during this time and expect the children to continue to attend school. Once details of the funeral are confirmed by the Royal Household, we will write to you with further guidance and information.

I hope you will have seen that we, as a school, are paying our respects by flying the Union Jack flag at half-mast at the front of the school. Teachers have taken the time today to speak with the children about what has happened, and we had a special assembly at the end of the day. The children have been incredibly sensitive and understanding, whilst we have talked about the sad event. If children and young people are upset, [Minded](#) is a source of information to support children and young people to manage death and loss.

To balance the sadness, it would be a lovely time for children and families to share the commemorative book 'Queen Elizabeth: A Platinum Jubilee Celebration', given to primary school children as part of the Jubilee celebrations earlier this year. You can also visit the Palace's website for more information about the mourning period: www.royal.uk.

Alongside this newsletter, please find a letter from our CEO about the Trust's position during the period of national mourning.

Healthy Snacks



There has been lots of discussion over the past few weeks about where we stand, as a school, regarding healthy snacks. Therefore, so that everyone is clear, going forward, we consider examples of a 'healthy snack' to include: **fruit (fresh or dried), vegetable sticks, bread sticks, plain crackers, plain rice cakes, plain biscuits (digestive or rich tea), water, flavoured water or 'no added sugar' squashes.** If you have any questions or your child has a food allergy/intolerance that we are not aware of, please speak to their class teacher.



Are you worried about, or struggling with, rising costs? Essex County Council have produced a summary of their services which may be able to help you during this difficult time. See what [cost of living support](#) you could be eligible for including:

- energy bills
- childcare costs
- household costs



Tell Essex County Council what they could do to help you over the coming months by completing our [cost of living support survey](#).

Timings of the School Day Reminder

The school gates still open **8.30am but now close five minutes earlier at 8.40am.**



If you arrive late, after 8.40am, you will need to sign your child in at the main school office, where they will be marked as late. Walking into class, after lessons have already started can be daunting and will negatively impact your child's learning so please make sure they are here on time, so they get the best possible start to their day.

After dropping your children off in the morning, please can we ask you to leave the school grounds, as soon as possible, so that we can secure the school site and the children can begin their day of learning. The end of the school day will remain the same (3pm-3.15pm).

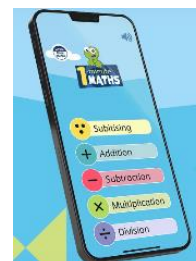
TT Rockstars



While we are on the subject of maths, please remind your children to practice the instant recall of their times table facts, using their **TT Rockstars** account, every day. The expectation is that by the end of year 4, the children should know all of the tables facts to 12x12. Speak to your child's class teacher, if they are having any problems logging on.

Maths App

White Rose have a free app called **1-Minute Maths**. It is aimed at children in Key Stage One and gives them easily accessible, daily practice to the extremely important mathematical concepts of subitising (identifying a number of objects, without having to count them) addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Follow this link for more information [1-Minute Maths App | White Rose Maths](#). There is also a wall chart that you can print off so you can keep a record of your child's 1-minute maths scores – don't forget to let your child's class teachers know how they are getting on, each week.



On-line Safety

Please make sure you are regularly checking what content your children are accessing, when on-line. This week we were made aware of 'SCP Containment Breach', which contains extremely inappropriate content and is being advertised within Roblox and on YouTube videos about Roblox.

EYFS Tours

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2023? If so, we have three dates available for walk around tours. These will be held at 3.30pm on:

Thursday 6th October
Thursday 10th November
Thursday 6th December

Essex Admissions Applications for this cohort will open on **7th November 2022** and closes on **15th January 2023**. Please call our school office if you would like to book a space on one of our tours or need any advice about completing this application.

Secondary School Applications (Year 6 Pupils)

If you have a child in Year 6, the secondary school applications open on Monday 12th September and close on Monday 31st October. Here is a link [Secondary school places - Essex County Council](#), which will take you to the Essex webpage and has lots of helpful information.

Over the coming weeks, our local Secondary Schools will be holding open evenings for potential parents and pupils to go and have a look around. We know that Clacton County High School are holding their open evening on Thursday 22nd September. We would encourage you and your children to go and look around all the secondary schools, before making your final decisions.

Communication Plan

Attached to the bottom of this letter is the school's communication plan, for your information. It outlines which staff member would be your first point of contact, if you have a particular issue you would like to discuss. Also attached are the staff school email addresses.

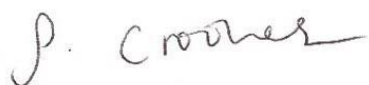
Upcoming dates for your diary

Half Term 24.10.2022 to 28.10.2022

Christmas Holidays 21.12.2022 to 4.1.2023

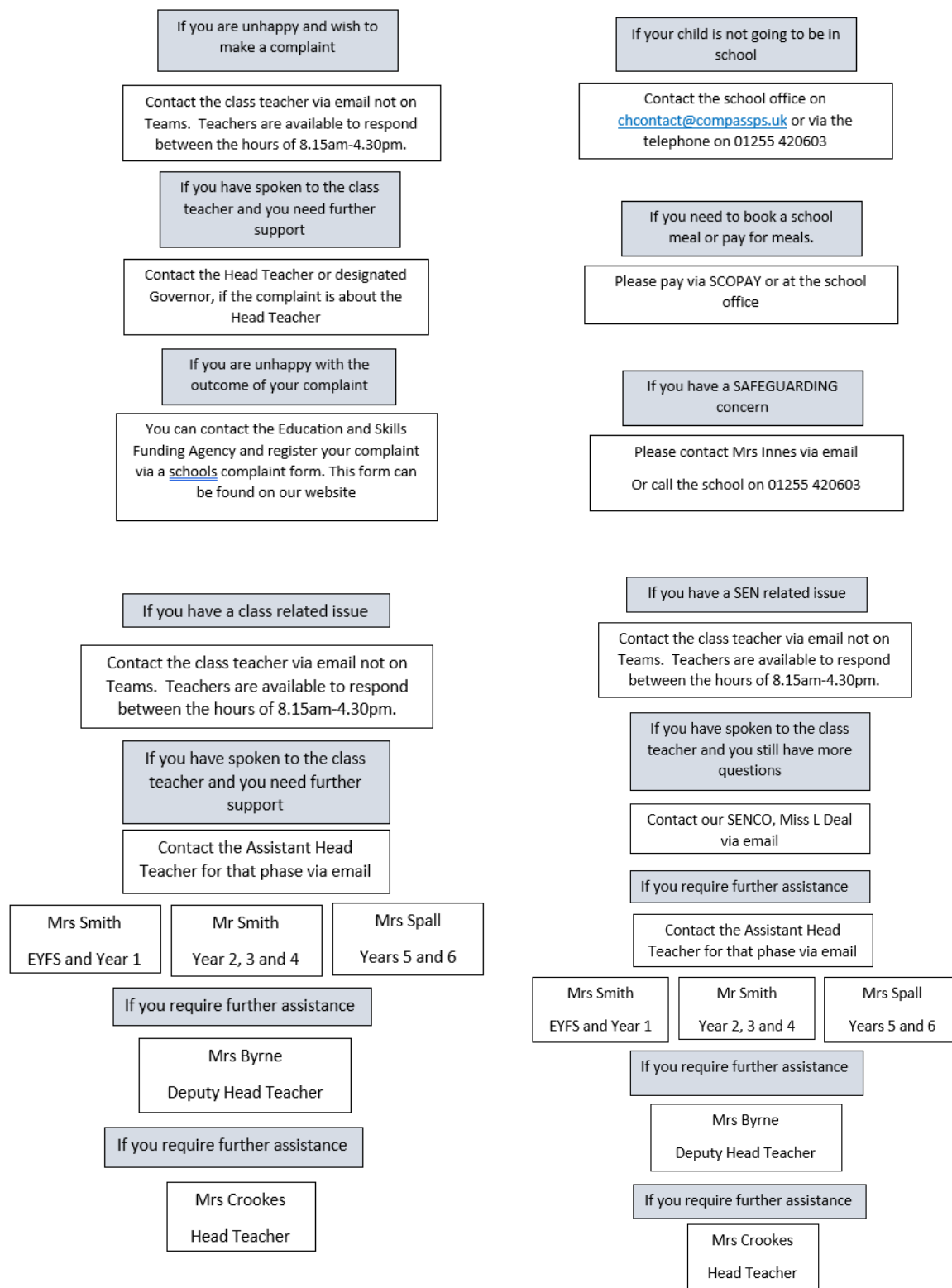
Non-Pupil Day 20.2.2023

Kindest regards,



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