

# Cann Hall Primary School

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Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have been able to find ways to manage through the mourning period, following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. If you or your children are finding it hard to cope, or your children have questions you find hard to answer, I have attached some support guides that you may find useful. Please remember that the school will be closed on Monday as it is a bank holiday for the funeral.

## Healthy Snacks



Thank you for your interest and views regarding our healthy snack initiative. Just to echo last week's message, as a school, 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.**



## Timings of the School Day Reminder

The school gates **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. Arriving, after lessons have already started 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).

## Times Tables Facts

Every year group, from Year One onwards, is allocated a timetable to focus on, each half term. Please talk to your child about which times table fact they are focusing on in class and help them learn these important facts. Every Friday, the children from Y2-Y6 will be take part in a times tables quiz and will bring the results home with them so you can celebrate their successes and support them with learning the facts that they do not know yet.

Please also encourage your child to practice their instant recall, by logging on to 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**

Have you downloaded the free **White Rose 1-Minute Maths** app yet? It is aimed at children in Key Stage One and gives them easily accessible, daily practice to the extremely important mathematical concepts. Follow this link for more information [1-Minute Maths App | White Rose Maths](#). There is also a parents' 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.



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:

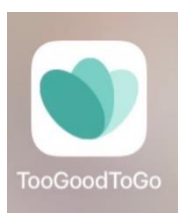
- energy bills
- childcare costs
- household costs



Cost of living support and funding

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

### **Let's reduce food waste**



**Have you heard about the 'TooGoodToGo' app? It's free to download and has been developed to help food retailers reduce their food waste. Bags of food items are being sold, each day, at a fraction of the original price instead of being thrown away because they are about to reach their 'sell by/best before dates'.**

### **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)**

As mentioned last week, the new secondary school admission round opens on Monday 12th September 2022, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2023. The statutory national closing date for applications is **31st October 2022**.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2023-24 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. Here is a link to the booklets page below.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions-booklets-policies-and-forms/admission-booklets>

### **Secondary School Open Evenings (Year 6 pupils)**

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 told you last week that that Clacton County High School are holding their open evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. We know now that Clacton Coastal Academy are holding their open evening on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, between 5pm and 7.30pm, with two time slots for parents and carers to attend the headteacher's welcome talk (5.30pm or 6.30pm). We would encourage you and your children to go and look around all the secondary schools, before making your final decisions.

### **Considerate use of Social Media Platforms**

We have been made aware of several Face Book pages, set up by different members of our school community. If posting on these pages, please ensure that you have thought carefully about your comments to ensure that they are not going to upset our families and/or members of the school staff. The best way to share your thoughts or concerns is to contact the school directly. I have added the school communication plan and staff email addresses again, below, for your information.

### **Communication Plan**

We have re-attached the school's communication plan, to the bottom of this letter, 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. Please make sure you are familiar with this plan and follow the set procedures. Also attached again are our school email addresses.

Please note that teachers will be available to respond to your emails between 8.15am and 4.30pm Monday – Friday.

**Upcoming dates for your diary**

Individual school photos – 14.10.2022

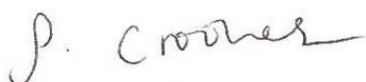
Half Term 24.10.2022 to 28.10.2022

Flu vaccinations – 2.11.2022

Christmas Holidays 21.12.2022 to 4.1.2023

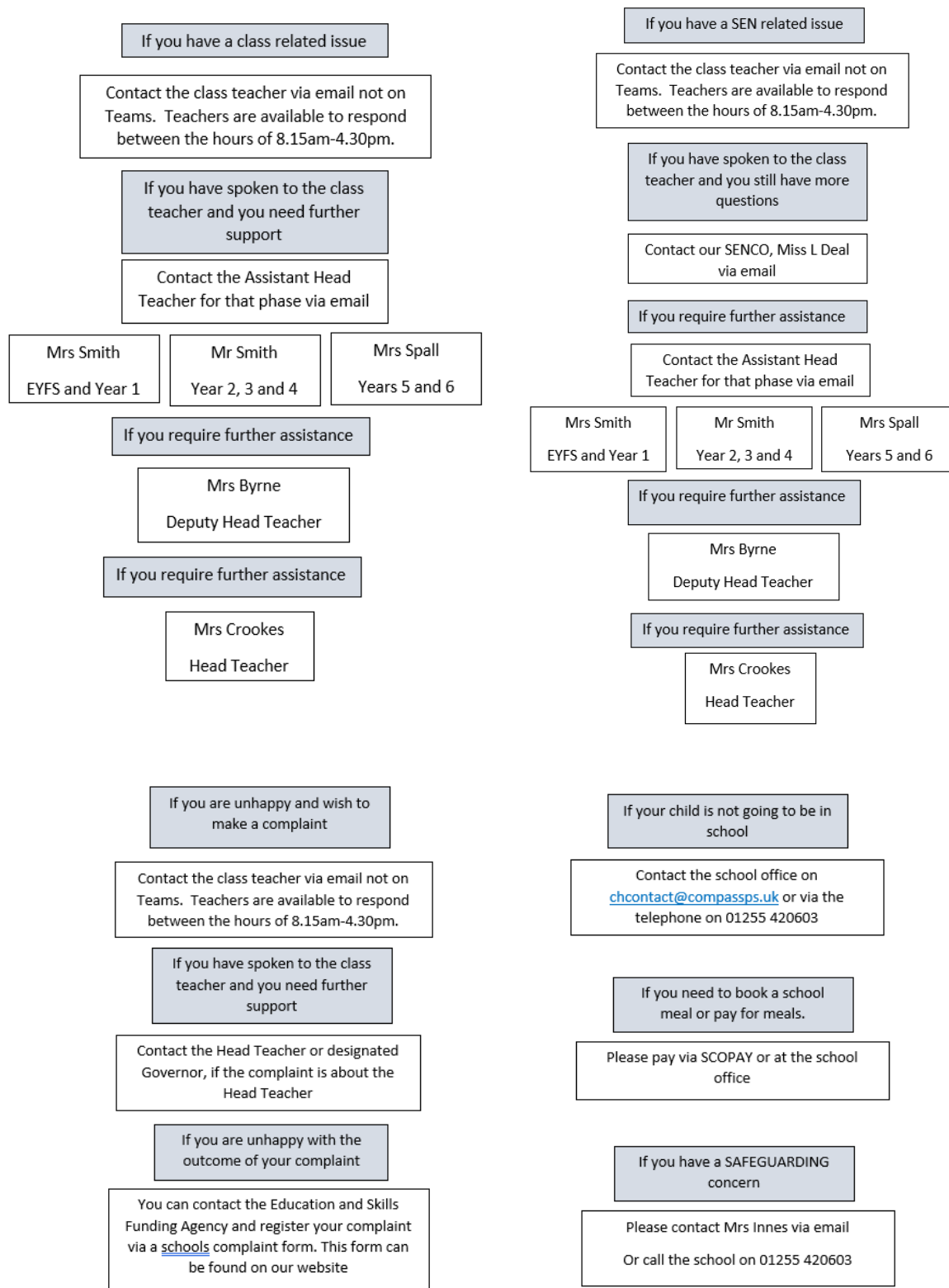
Non-Pupil Day 20.2.2023

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes

## Communication Plan



## **School Contact Email Addresses**

Please note that staff will be available to respond to your emails between 8.15am and 4.30pm Monday – Friday.

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