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Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you were all able to find ways to engage in the historic event that was Queen Elizabeth II's funeral on Monday. Whilst it felt like a very sad day, it was also remarkable to find out so much about our history through the extensive news coverage. It was very touching to see how much our Queen was thought of by so many people around the world. I also felt incredibly proud of all the service men and women involved in the occasion who were so admirable in carrying out their responsibilities with absolute precision.

Considerate use of Social Media Platforms

Last week, we asked that if posting on social media pages, that you think carefully about your comments and ensure they are factually correct so as not to upset or cause concern to our families. This week we have been made aware, again, of comments that have been posted that are completely incorrect and, as you can imagine, we have had lots of calls from concerned parents. The best way to find out what's going on in our school or get answers to your queries is to contact the school directly.

We totally understand that as parents and carers, you are passionate about the welfare and happiness of your children and that sometimes emotions take over, when you have a concern. But please remember, when speaking to our school staff, that we also want the very best for you and your children too.

The school communication plan and staff email addresses are still attached to this week's letter, below, for your information.

Harvest Festival

Our school harvest festival will take place for the children on Wednesday 19th October at school, which will be led by members of St. John's Church. The children will have a special assembly on Monday 3rd October to learn about this special time of the year and to find out more about the amazing work of St John's Church and Clacton Food bank. If families are able to support with our school collection for the food bank, then there is more information below about the items in greatest need.



Volunteers from St. John's church hall will collect the donated food items and pass on to people in our community, who are in the most need of help. Every week they give food

parcels to many families who do not always have enough to eat. When they can, they give them fresh food, but we also like to be able to give them food that lasts a long time, so that they can keep it for when they need it most, for example, dried rice, oatmeal, pasta, long-life milk, tinned fish & meat, tinned soup and tinned vegetables.

Clacton Food Bank are also particularly in need of the following items: **tinned fruit, tinned/packet custard, long-life milk, UHT fruit juice, instant mash, tinned sponge puddings, small jar/packet instant coffee, hot chocolate powder.**

We know this year that money is going to be even tighter than usual, so if you can manage to send something in with your child to add to our donation table, it will be greatly appreciated.

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 Table Quizzes (Y2-Y6)

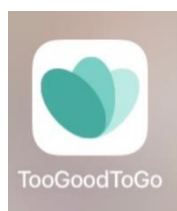
How are your children getting on with their times table quizzes? Please help your children to learn these important facts by asking them to show you their quiz results. Celebrate their success with them and over the week practise the facts that they are yet to learn.

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2	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	0	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	0	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100



There are lots of different, fun ways you can help your children learn their times tables. If you are struggling with ideas for doing this, please speak to your child's class teacher. Don't forget to encourage them to log on to TT Rock stars, every day too!

Let's reduce food waste



Here's a reminder 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'.

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](#).

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)

Remember 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. 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. Clacton County High School held their opening evening last night. Clacton Coastal Academy are holding their open evening on Thursday 29th 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.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Harvest Festival 3.10.22

Individual school photos – 14.10.2022

Half Term 24.10.2022 to 28.10.2022

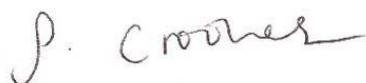
Flu vaccinations – 2.11.2022

Christmas Holidays 21.12.2022 to 4.1.2023

Non-Pupil Day 20.2.2023

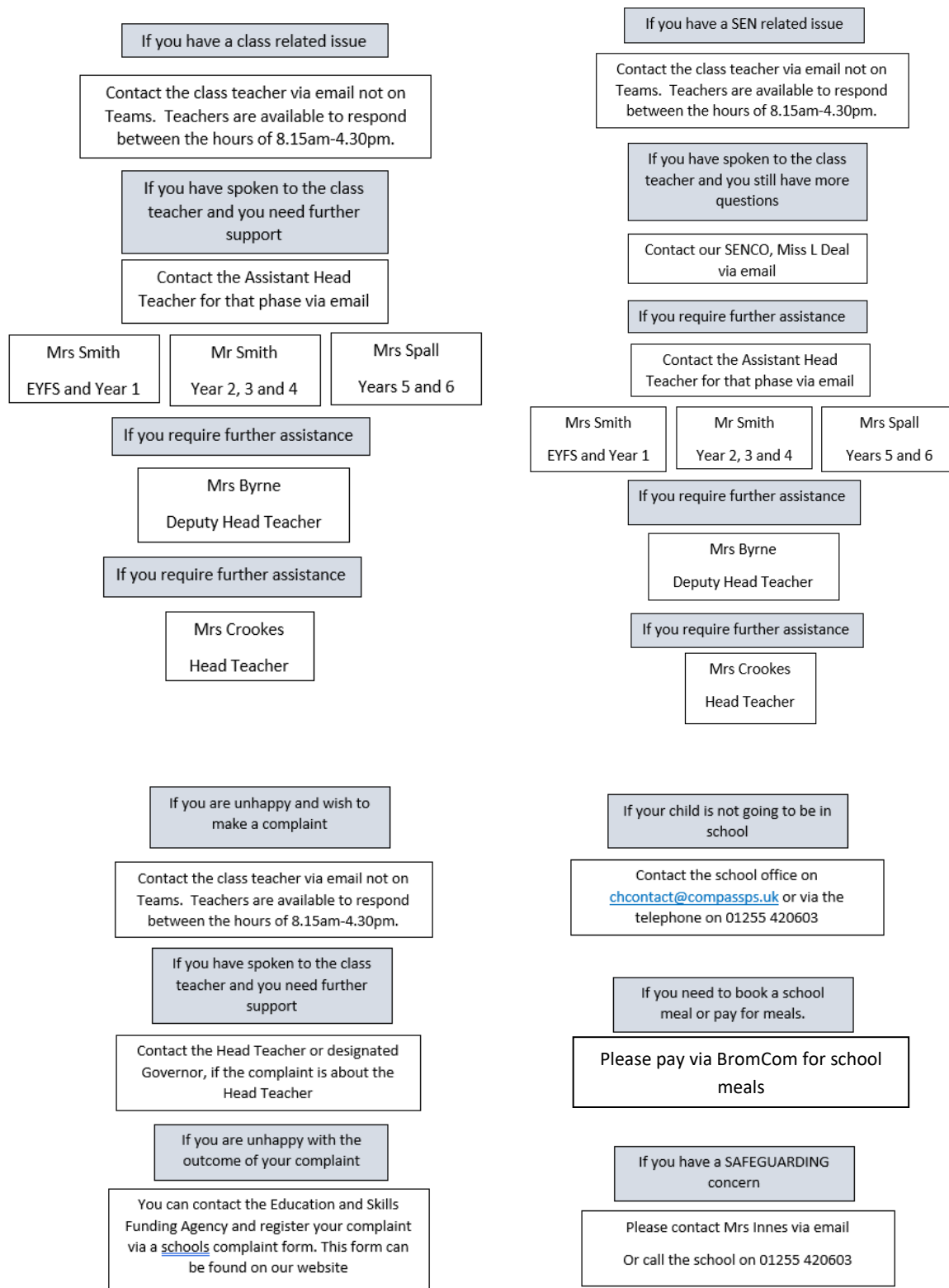
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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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