



The Two Way Street

"As a school, we want to be more 'GREEN!'"

Many years ago, school introduced an on line communications system (parentmail) so that you could receive all newsletters in a paperless manner. This significantly reduced the number of paper copies we had to send out. However, over recent years, for a variety of reasons (change of email address, not opening emails regularly etc) we have had cause to send out more paper copies again.



A considerable amount of the school budget goes on paper and copy costs, these funds could be better used elsewhere in purchasing resources for the children's education!

The Eco club in school has already introduced more recycling bins and we are playing our part with turning off unnecessary light switches! Please can you help us become greener?

How you can help?

- Sign up for parentmail or make sure your current email address is correct. It is easy to access newsletters on your smart phones too - the letters are sent out in a PDF format which can be opened by all (the software is downloadable and free). The benefit of using this system is that you get the communications first!
- Encourage your child to be more independent when bringing home letters - remember to ask them if they have any and if they forget or leave them at school - don't blame the school - **it's your child's responsibility!** Please note that the very young children will have their letters in their book bags. We cannot be held responsible for every newsletter getting home safely and being responsible is an important life lesson for them to learn.
- However, if after all this your letters are still not coming home, a reference copy will be available on the notice board in the reception area. If you need to sign a consent form but do not have the letter, we are no longer providing additional copies, so if you bring in a pen and paper, you can jot down the details and just send in a handwritten note - all it needs to say is: -

"I give permission for my child (give his/her name) to go on the trip to (add location)",
then sign and date it!



We hope that you will support us in our 'Going Green' campaign. We really want to reduce our carbon footprint so that the generations to come can benefit. We also want to use the money it saves to better effect regarding the education of our pupils. (If you find that you are not receiving emails even though you have signed up, please let the office staff know and we will investigate - it could just be a technical error!)



Your questions answered

Last term, a few parents shared concerns about having to wait with siblings whilst brothers and sisters were participating in choir or carrying out safety patrolling duties first thing in the morning. We have reviewed this and have come up with some compromises to help support this issue. So, from this term; -

- *Safety patrollers on duty will now only need to come into school (via the front entrance) between 8.40 and 8.45. Siblings can then be walked round to the cloakroom doors to come into school as usual.*
- *Children who are in the choir will still be required to come into school at 8.15. However, from this term, siblings will be allowed to go into the hall to listen to the choir or to read their reading books. Choir staff are happy to watch them, providing there are no issues or disruption to the club.*
- *When the morning RM maths club is running, parents can choose the time they start so long as it is between 8.30 and 8.45 (entering school via the front entrance). If you have siblings to cater for, you may choose the later time.*
- *When the afternoon RM maths club is running, parents can use the reception area to keep warm and dry. Many parents take this opportunity to hear their other children read!*

Please note that children will not be let into school earlier than stated. We want all our children to be safe and supervised and teachers will not be on hand to look after children. Staff members come into school early to fully prepare for the day. Leaving them unsupervised in the reception area is also not permitted.

If you find that you need wrap around care, Headstart, which is on the school site, can cater for your needs. Contact details can be provided at our Reception.

Thank you for your support and cooperation! Any other suggestions? Please feel free to email your comments on the address shown below, or give us a call, or write a note, or even pop into school. We do consider all possibilities!

If you have any comments, concerns or questions - why don't you email us on our address specifically for the 'Two Way Street'

Email address:

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