



Hilltop Primary Academy



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you had a lovely weekend and enjoyed some family time.

Looking to the week ahead, we understand parents are beginning to worry with the onset of coughs. Please remember that the cough associated with covid is a dry, persistent cough which does not produce phlegm. It is often accompanied by a barking or coarse sound. Whilst we understand it is hugely disruptive to have to keep children at home and seek advice on symptoms, we are appreciative to parents for all of their diligence with respecting the school's guidance. It is inevitable that the lack of testing availability will cause disruption at Hilltop however we will endeavour to try and minimize this disruption as far as possible.

Many parents recently completed our parental survey regarding safety and communication- all of your responses were much appreciated and as always we will try to act on any areas for improvement. We were very pleased that 97% of respondents were positive about the level of communication, their understanding of the plans for reopening and their perception of their child's safety. Furthermore, 94% of respondents reported that their child felt safe.

As you will be aware, we cannot welcome parents into the school office however communication via the email address: office@hilltop.medway.sch.uk is always welcomed. During the lockdown period many families were able to contact Mrs Reynolds via a school mobile phone, this has now been returned for classroom use. Should you wish to contact Mrs Reynolds please do so via the office or directly at reyns134@sflt.org.uk. Could we also ask that children refrain from using metal water bottles as we have had a few injuries when full up bottles fall from tables onto toes!

Finally, a reminder that merit assemblies will be held virtually this term. Parents are welcome to log into MS Teams using their child's log in details and join us for the assembly. KS1 assemblies will be on Tuesdays at 9.15am and KS2 assemblies will be on Fridays at 9.15am. The assemblies will be recorded and available to view outside of these times for parental convenience. We hope as many parents as possible will be available to join us in celebrating the children's achievements.

Kind regards,

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