Executive Headteachers' Bulletin
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The CARE Federation

Welcome to the second half of the Spring term and hopefully some warmer weather!

At the end of last half term we welcomed many of you into our schools to hear a short presentation, then visit your children in class for Safer Internet Day. We received lots of positive comments about the information provided. If you couldn't make the day, please view the presentation from our website. This half term we are looking forward to welcoming you into our schools to watch our Festivals of the Spoken Word (a celebration of language and poetry) and the finals of our Spelling Bee!

Alongside this bulletin you will also receive a separate letter with more information about an update to our Photography and Images policy. We want you to enjoy every minute of being in school with your children and we want to keep all children as safe as possible in this ever more technical world. We hope that you welcome the changes we are making for both of these reasons.

Wishing you a great half term with us,
Ms Jordan



Governing Board

Kyle Ratckiffe – Co-opted Governor



I'm Kyle Ratcliffe, a co-opted governor at The CARE Federation and a parent within the school community. I work in leadership and project management, and I'm really pleased to be able to use my skills in IT and data to support the schools. I'm passionate about helping create a positive, supportive environment where all children can thrive.

Individual Schools, Together

Sharing ideas, best practice and the financial commitments of high-quality training are real benefits to our Federation.

Our teachers have now all completed Zones of Regulation training, and our support staff are about to do the same. We are excited to fully introduce this approach to support our children to understand and respond to their emotions.

All of our schools have a focus this year to ensure our children have the skills they need to be the best writers possible. From EYFS to Key Stage 2, our staff are benefitting from our link with the Norfolk Writing Project. Bringing specialist teachers into our schools as well as attending national training, we are making sure your children experience the best teaching possible.

If you would like more information on either of these developments, please speak to your child's class teacher or Head of School.

Parent Feedback

Between October and December, we tried a new approach to gaining parental feedback. We were pleased with the high number of responses we received and have already used some of your feedback to inform decisions. Our final set of questions will be sent, one per week, this half term.
We will again use a Microsoft form, so you can respond quickly and easily.
Please note, we do not collect your personal information with these questions. If you would like a specific response or have more to say on the given topic than you can include on the Microsoft form, please feel able to speak directly to your Head of School or email the school office.
We still intend to send the full annual parent survey in the Summer term.
We look forward to hearing from you!

Safeguarding

Phones in school – government guidance

You will have recently seen that the government has taken a strong stance on mobile phones in schools.

Our policy remains the same. Only children in Year 5 and 6 with permission to walk home alone from school are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school. These phones must be handed in to the class teacher on arrival at school for safe storage and collected at the end of the day.

Attendance



The Winter months at school almost always see an increase in pupil absence due to minor illnesses. We completely agree that when children are ill, they need to be at home.

Here are some reminders that may help you to decide when your child may need to stay at home and for how long:

Minor coughs and colds can be supported in school. If you have given your child Calpol in the morning, let us know and we will keep an extra close eye. If they need another dose, or feel unwell, we will give you a call
Only prescribed medications can be administered at school
Pharmacies can support with many common illnesses: How pharmacies can help
A helpful illness exclusion leaflet can be found here: Health protection in schools

Projects

All schools have had some new blinds fitted over half term. As well as helping to control the light and classroom environments they are also an extra safety precaution. Just as we practise getting out of school safely, for example if there was a fire, we also practise staying safe inside the building, if for example a stray animal or person we don't know comes onto our school grounds and they may not be safe.

Policies

Where appropriate, our policies are for all schools. Key points from key policies:

RSE policy

We have a Federation Relationships and Sex Education policy. This policy states what will be taught and when, in line with government guidance. It also clarifies other information such as how our staff will respond to sensitive questions and how resources are chosen.

At all stages of education, correct names for body parts will be used.

All children will also be taught ways to keep themselves safe including the PANTS rule:

Privates are private
Always remember your body belongs to you
No means no
Talk about secrets that upset you
Speak up, someone can help

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or see our policy here: Policies