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## BISHOPSHALT SCHOOL

*"Above all else a place for learning"*

1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Ref:MCG/ber/Parent

Dear Parents & Carers

I would like to thank you for your continued support this term. The entire school community has been working exceptionally hard to provide your child with a safe learning environment, but also with a normal educational experience. Student effort, uniform, attendance, engagement and behaviour have all been excellent.

Our first ever "Drop Down Day" was held today and focused on our core value of **'Love Learning'**. Students have had a fantastically rewarding day and we now look forward to our next "Drop Down Day" on 19<sup>th</sup> November, which will focus on our second core value of **'Show Kindness'**.

As the weather changes, I ask that you please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate outdoor coats and when necessary an umbrella. We have an 'extreme weather' plan, but the school does not have the internal space to provide lunch times inside at all times.

Please may I also take this opportunity to remind you to log onto the Google Guardian summaries as we previously communicated with you. You will see your child's homework requirements and we ask that you continue to support us with your child accessing and completing their home learning. If you cannot access your Google Guardian area, please email [office@bishopshalt.hillingdon.sch.uk](mailto:office@bishopshalt.hillingdon.sch.uk) at the earliest opportunity and we will arrange for one of our support team to assist you.

Can I also reiterate to you and your children the importance of them returning straight home after school. Our staggered entrance and exit times are working well, but we also need your child to return immediately home. Within school at break and lunch, we are telling students that **'If you can touch you are too close'**, we would like your support in also relaying this to your child about their journey **to** and **from** school.

It is with regret that for the foreseeable future 'Parents Evenings' will not be held in person on the school site. At present we are investigating virtual parent evening software and anticipate that we will have that working for the Progress Review events next term. In the meantime 'Parent Evenings' will be conducted as they have been thus far, where a member of our staff telephones you to feedback and discuss any concerns there may be regarding your child's progress.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to our new RSE Policy on the website. This is due for delivery early in the Spring Term. Please can I ask for any parental feedback to be sent to Zena Bermingham, [zbermingham@bishopshalt.school](mailto:zbermingham@bishopshalt.school) by the Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

Regards

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