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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19

I would like to start this letter by thanking you all for your ongoing support during these unprecedented times. I do appreciate that it has not always been easy, the staggered start times and the one-way system has made life just that little bit more complicated, especially with the winter months and rain looming ever so more closely. However, it is a necessity as it enables us to keep everyone safe and for the school to remain open.

With the growing concern on the news every day and the rise in overall cases I want to take this opportunity to remind our community of some of the measures in place and some of the changes that are coming into place to remain safe and ensure the school can remain open during these tricky times.

Blended Learning (home learning)

In the event of school closing or your child has to stay at home due to having to self-isolate for Covid related symptoms, work will be sent home to your child by their class teacher via ParentMail or you will be directed to the website through the year group emails which were set up during the last lock down, or Tapestry if your child is in Year R. Work will consist of instructional videos, online tasks and other written or practical tasks. Please do let us know if you would have problems with this method of communication. Pupils will receive regular feedback from their teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team to help with their learning and keep them motivated. If your child were to test positive for Covid-19 we would also expect them to undertake work at home as long as they were well enough to do so.

Please note that work will be sent home for Covid-19 related illnesses only

Face Coverings whilst on school site

On reviewing our risk assessment, together with the rise of infections in both the National and local area, we would like to review our safeguarding arrangements regarding parents being on the school site whilst dropping off and collecting their children. We fully appreciate that due to the set up and size of our school site, it is not always possible for parents to maintain the recommended 2 metre social distance from other parents, particularly whilst walking on the narrow paths, or waiting for the North door to open. We are therefore requesting, with immediate effect, that parents wear a face covering whilst on the school site. Scientific evidence shows that the wearing of face coverings protects both the wearer and other people around them. We will be keeping this situation under review but hope that most of our parents will consider this a reasonable request and comply, again it ensures the school can remain open and safe.

Lost Property

As we are unable to let parents into the school at the moment, please can you make sure that everything is named so that we are able to reunite items that are left around the school with the correct child, we are unable to hold onto lost property for as long as we normally would and if it is not relocated in a timely manner it may end up being disposed of.

Lunch Boxes and other forgotten items

We are seeing an increase in the number of parents who have forgotten their child's lunch box or coat. We really need to see a reduction in this as when an item is handed in to the office, this necessitates office staff having to deliver the said item to class and we are trying to minimise staff entering numerous bubbles, the front office team are essential in keeping the school open and ticking over and we would struggle to run as effectively if we had office staff having to self-isolate.

Visiting the School

A reminder that you should be telephoning the school and not coming in to speak to office staff unless you have an appointment, of course in the event of an emergency we are still here to help and support.

Thank you for your time reading this and your support to our school through these difficult times. By working so well together over the last few months it has meant that your children have settled back into school life so well and so quickly. We are all incredibly proud of their leap back into learning and their enthusiasm and happy attitudes.

Please find attached an overview of when to send your child into school flow chart that may be helpful as we move into the flu season!

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher