

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome back!**

Well done to you all for getting your children back in to school this week with such positivity. The great news is that we have had an average of 97% attendance this week and lots of happy children who are clearly glad to be in school.

As you know the children are working in their own class bubbles and we are working hard to keep them apart at all times during the school day in order to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus. We are following the government's guidance and know that younger children are unlikely to be able to socially distance. Therefore we have ensured that staff, wherever possible, will distance themselves from children and we are focusing on excellent hand and respiratory hygiene. We have an enhanced cleaning model running throughout the day so that high touch surfaces, classroom desks and toilets are cleaned throughout the day and we have staggered pick up, drop off and play times so that bubbles do not mix with each other.

We need your support to keep us safe in school and I would like to remind you that the single best thing you can do to help keep our children and community safe is to keep children at home if they show any of the symptoms that are linked to Covid 19. They are:

Continuous dry cough  
Loss of taste and smell  
High temperature

If your child has any of those symptoms please keep them at home and apply for a test. If you are unsure what to do you can call NHS 111 or check the NHS website for guidance.

If you have to test your child, please contact me at school in confidentiality so that I can commence the track and trace systems and inform our local authority and parents of potential cases. Please contact me prior to your child returning to school.

Please also only send one adult in to school at pick up and drop off and stick to the left hand side of pathways, line up on allocated lines and do not allow children to roam in the playground or go onto play equipment.

Thank you for your support and for your understanding with us this week as we get the children back in to school.

You may also be aware that we have started that the year without a full admin team due to staff leaving and new staff not being able to commence yet. Apologies therefore if you have had trouble contacting us. We hope this issue is now rectified.

The first week in general has been a good one and it has been a delight to see all our happy children back in school where they belong. I look forward to sharing some of their successes with you in coming weeks.

Kind regards,



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