

22nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, that was a long term and despite all that we have faced as a school and a community, I am proud to be sending home some very happy children today. I wanted to thank you all for your commitment to getting your children in to school each day and putting your trust in us to keep them safe. I am delighted to tell you that so far we have had a high attendance across school (around 95%) and have not had to close any bubbles. In order for us to keep all our classes open after the half term we need to raise the level of safety measures across school as per the newly released government guidance.

As we return to school after the half term, I would like to ask that all adults or visitors to school wear a face mask or covering before entering the school premises. Please be sensitive to parents or visitors who are exempt from wearing masks.

I will re-mark lines for class bubbles and ask that you only wait in those lines and once your child has been collected you then leave the school premises as soon as you can, keeping social distance from others as you depart. I appreciate as a close knit community that you may have friends or children in other lines you want to say hello to and would ask that you refrain from wandering out of your child's line to do this. It seems a tough thing to ask of such a friendly community but if we are to keep our school a safe zone then we all must take on the responsibility for our actions and help each other to reduce the risk of transmitting Covid. Please stick to the times for drop off and pick up as children arriving early or late often make it more difficult to avoid breaching social distance rules.

I will be quite prompt in closing gates after 9am so please ensure you are off the site by then.

As ever, if your child is unwell with any of the symptoms (however mild) then please do not send them to school. If they have a cough, loss of taste or smell or a fever, then they must remain at home and be tested. We will ask you to take children home if they have any of those symptoms and have been sent to school. I appreciate that it is cough and cold season so we are expecting lots of negative tests but are grateful for your patience and understanding with managing this. We have never had to deal with a global pandemic of this nature and as the cases rise across the country we need to do all that we can to keep our children and families safe.

We have been pleased with the settled nature of the children in returning to school. Some children have found coming back to school and I was pleased with the level of support we have had from parents around this. Thank you for remaining so positive about the school's hard work. This has been a tough term for my staff, many of whom have had their own personal issues to manage around Covid. They have come to school every day with smiles on their faces and effectively redesigned the school system to support our children being able to thrive. I am proud of all their hard work, resilience and commitment and hope you join me in wishing them and all of our families a very happy and healthy half term break.

Kind regards,



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