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Newsletter

Covid-19 Update – November 2020

Dear Parents,

First of all, I hope you are well, and have enjoyed half term with your children – albeit rather wet and windy!

I am sure by now you have heard that in England we will now need to abide by the rules of a second national ‘lockdown’, which was announced on Saturday evening. I must confess that, like you, I am not particularly surprised and I am grateful that due to all the hard work of all the staff, the flexibility of pupils and patience and understanding of our parents and carers, we can continue to offer education as *best we can*, under the circumstances.

At school we are vigilant in terms of our risk assessment, but I would like to highlight some key points:

- The children operate in class ‘bubbles’. This includes playtimes and lunchtimes.
- The children are asked to wash their hands or use sanitiser regularly throughout the day.
- Generally, visitors are not allowed on site, although deliveries are allowed and peripatetic teachers, including supply teachers.
- Any child who displays any symptoms of Covid-19 are ‘isolated’ and parents are to collect immediately. The pupils are not abandoned, a member of staff will remain with them, but will be wearing PPE equipment.
- A change of clean clothes must be worn every day. If this is difficult, then clean sensible clothes can replace uniform on these occasions. We also have lots of spare second hand uniform. If you would like us to send some home, please call the office and we will see what we can do.
- As non essential shops are closing, if school shoes are needed and you are unable to buy them, then trainers may be worn.
- Items (other than arrangements for reading books and other school items) should not come into school unless specifically requested by your child’s

teacher.

Drop off and Pick Up

Although it is not a legal requirement, I would like to ask you to wear a face covering or face mask when waiting for your child to be collected or sent home at the gate, by school staff. I would also like to remind you that a 2 metre social distancing rule should apply for adults waiting at these times. Please ensure that arrivals are kept closely to the correct time allocated to your child to reduce the possibility of 'cross over'. Staff will be asked to wear a mask at the gate too

And finally....

Last term was actually a successful return to education for the children. Things were obviously different, and there were things that needed to be 'tweaked' (and may still need to be tweaked) as things became clearer. The children were very well behaved, and teachers have been pleased in general with their work and attitude. It is an adjustment for everyone, but with your continued and welcomed support, staff are confident that we can continue as best we can, under the rather challenging national circumstances, to make this term as successful as the last.

Thank you for your support and, of course, take care.

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