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Monday, 11 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Update on School Life and response to COVID 19

We have had a really positive start to our school year and staff and Governors are delighted with how class groups have settled and the children's positive attitude for learning. I have a few updates to share in this letter about the term ahead and an invitation for Parents evening.

Thank you for your support.

We really appreciate the support parents have shown us since our return to school, especially around the Public Health Advice recently put in place for our school to protect Clinically Extremely Vulnerable pupils whilst we had an outbreak.

We are now officially out of our outbreak period which means that additional measures we put in place in response to this have now ceased apart from school retaining our cluster bubbles and face coverings being worn in communal areas by staff and visitors. This means that if we have a single case of COVID in school, we will no longer routinely, inform you. School will no longer carry out any track and trace work and if you are affected by any case, whether in school or out, then NHS Track & Trace will contact you directly and advise you based on your personal circumstances. We are now following the advice nationally which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

If you have a Positive case at home, we ask that you still inform us, so we can be aware, and follow the national advice that everyone at home seeks a PCR test as soon as possible.

Like most schools we have a high level of pupil absence as children need to remain at home if they are unwell for at least 48 hours until they are better. This guidance also applies to school staff and so we are experiencing some disruption to your child's class team. We are working hard to continue to keep classes open and provide a normal programme for pupils. As COVID cases are increasing nationally and locally and the general winter bugs are also circulating we have added further strategies to our emergency action plan. This includes the option of closing class groups when staff absence is at a critical point. We will try to avoid taking this action and have recruited agency staff for the term ahead to try and keep school running smoothly.



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Please can I also ask for your support for our school reception team. If a team member contacts parents about a child who is unwell, they are following the advice put in place by Public health, they truly do understand that the guidance can impact on family life when children are sent home. Please can I ask that these colleagues are treated in a respectful manner if you receive a call to collect your child. Our team will do our utmost to offer support and help during calls or seek advice where needed about individual circumstances from Public Health.

Parents Evening

We have reflected on recent advice and considered the information already shared in this letter and feel the need to try and protect our cluster bubbles and reduce risk to everyone, pupils, parents, and staff. As a result, this terms parents evening will be a virtual event.

We plan to offer parents and carers the option of a phone call or a TEAMS video call on Wednesday 20th October between 3.30pm and 6.30pm which worked very well during the summer term. Parents will be text a link this week to an online FORMS where you can make your booking request, stating your preferred format for the meeting and preferred time. If you opt for a TEAMS meeting a link will be sent via email nearer to the date. Appointments will be offered on a first come first served basis and confirmed with a text message.

INSET days in 2021/2022

And finally we know parents appreciate good notice of inset days so that you can make arrangements for children and wider plans for your family.

Can we send out a further reminder, especially for new pupils and their families, that the remaining INSET days this academic year are

- Monday 1st November 2021
- Friday 27th May 2022
- Monday 6th June 2022

Kind regards

Mrs Lorraine C Dawney,
Headteacher

