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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Thank You

I want to start by saying thank you to everyone for your support during the past couple of weeks. It is a very challenging time trying to maintain robust health and safety standards, whilst ensuring the children are taught as broad and balanced a curriculum as we can, given the circumstances.

I have had lots of kind words from parents about the school and staff which reassures me that what we are trying to achieve is appreciated and understood.

Positive Cases in School and Reducing the Risk of Infection

As you will be aware, we have had one member of staff test positive which meant a class had to go home to isolate. We also had a child test positive, although as they had been absent from school for a significant period prior to diagnosis, the class did not have to stay at home. Both times, I sought advice before making any decisions. The adults and children are following all the guidelines given to schools by the government in order to minimise risk.

Please adhere to the following to help minimise the risk of infection in school:

- If your child has one of the following symptoms, please keep them at home and book a test:
 - A new continuous cough,
 - A high temperature (above 37.8C, even for a brief period)
 - A loss of smell or taste

Once you have the test results, please let the school know immediately. If the test is administered **within 5 days of symptoms** first appearing, and it is negative, your child can return to school as long as they are well. However, if the test is administered more than 5 days after the symptoms first appeared your child will need to remain at home and isolate for the full ten days (14 days for family members), whether the test is negative or positive. This is because the test is likely to be inaccurate after the first 5 days.

Home Learning

If your child is isolating at home they should be completing the work set by their teacher. This will be uploaded onto the school website or **Microsoft Teams**, but if you are unable to access these, you can request a paper pack via your child's year group email.

Some year groups will also be starting to trial live lessons for children who are isolating at home. If you receive a text or message asking your child to log in and attend a lesson via Teams, please ensure they do so. Children will be invited to log in to English and maths initially during the trial period.

Children who are unwell are not being asked to carry out these tasks.



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Weather and Clothing

As the weather is becoming more changeable, please make sure your child brings a waterproof coat to school every day even if it is sunny in the morning.

Relationships, Sex and Health Education

Due to the closures during the spring and summer terms, most schools have not been able to carry out the necessary robust consultation with parents before implementing statutory RSE, which was supposed to have been taught from September 2020.

We will start the consultation process with parents during the second half of the autumn term before implementing RSE from April 2021. During consultation you will have the opportunity to view the resources and books we will use to teach RSE and you will be able to express your views to senior leaders. We will then be able to move forward with a joint understanding about what children need to be taught and how we should teach it. Please look out for the key dates for the virtual meetings which will be sent out before half-term.

Social Media

A number of concerns have been raised recently by teachers regarding pupils' access to social media. A large number of common social media platforms, such as TikTok, WhatsApp, Snapchat and Facebook, are age-restricted and are deemed unsuitable for primary school pupils. Please ensure you monitor your child's technology use carefully (phones and computers) and talk to them regularly about internet safety.

A useful guide regarding the possible risks related to children's use of social media can be found on the following website: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Best wishes and stay safe,

Mr Reid
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