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RETURNING TO SCHOOL – MONDAY, 4th JANUARY 2021 ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES

Dear Parent/Carer,

As shared in my previous letter, I can confirm that school will open as planned on Monday, 4th January, 2021. However, following the news of the more contagious Covid variant, we, now more than ever, need to try and keep the virus out of school. With this in mind, we have made some updates to our risk assessments. We kindly ask that all safety measures are adhered to by all members of our school community at all times.

Drop off and pick up arrangements

We need to be more rigorous to ensure social distancing at the beginning and end of the school day. Please adhere to your child's planned drop off and collection times and plan your journey so that you are not having to wait alongside Gordon Road. Please come as close to 'on time' as much as possible to avoid the need for queuing/extensive waiting.

When waiting to drop off/pick up your child, please ensure that you maintain social distancing: **at minimum, 2 metres from other parents, children and staff at all times.**

We are encouraging all parents to '*drop/off/pick up*' and go' as promptly as possible.

Prior to breaking up we witnessed several parents congregating outside school for conversations with one another. Please avoid this as much as possible to help minimise the possible transmission of Covid.

We will temporarily be reducing the number of staff members outside on Gordon Road. There will be a staff member positioned by the railings to supervise parking/families crossing the road and a staff member positioned at the main gate. The priority of these staff members is to support with the safety of our children as they arrive/leave school.

Please avoid having any face-to-face 'incidental' discussions with any staff members supporting on the gate duty. This is to keep you and our staff as safe as possible. If you have a query, please telephone the main school office on 01332 345997.

We will no longer be issuing hand sanitiser as children queue up alongside Gordon Road. Instead, hand sanitiser will be given out by class teachers to their own bubble children as they enter through the main school gate. We will be staggering children coming through the gate to avoid a bottle neck and thank you in advance for your patience.

As shared in my previous letter, if you are able to, please wear a face covering when dropping off/collecting your child from school.

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Illness and absence

We are becoming more aware of adults and children largely asymptomatic going on to test positive for Covid. With this in mind, we will now be taking extra precautions in the event of all reported illnesses to ensure that we are keeping all members of our school community as safe as possible. **Please err on the side of caution if your child begins to appear under the weather.** If in doubt, get them tested.

We will no longer be authorising any child on school premises if any parent/carer declares that they have a 'slight temperature'. You will be immediately asked to isolate and book a test for your child.

Please note that if you report that your child had a temperature which has now gone after the administration of medication e.g. Calpol, we will still ask you to isolate and book a test for your child.

It is absolutely essential that you notify school immediately via the school telephone if your child begins to display any Covid symptoms. We will need to know the date that symptoms started so that we can calculate when we can expect your child back in school.

Please also notify us if any member of your household tests positive for Covid.

If you are in any doubt about whether your child should be off school due to sickness/not feeling well, please contact us and we will try and help you.

For any Covid related absence, work will be set by your child's class teacher. It is vital that you ensure that your child completes this work if they are well enough to do so to minimise disruption to learning. Please let us know if you need extra support.

Home-School Partnerships

As you know, we are a school that values strong home-school partnerships. We are sad that due to Covid we are not able to have our usual 'catch-ups' with you all on the school run. Please know that we still love and care for you all! As I know you will all understand, at this moment in time, minimising contact has got to be our number one priority as we try to fight this terrible virus and keep us all as safe as possible.

Where possible, any discussions that we need to have with you will be conducted over the telephone. In the event of us needing to meet with you face-to face, we have had some new outdoor seating installed to help us do this in a safer manner. These meetings will be arranged in advance and our additional risk assessments will be shared with you accordingly.

I would like to take this opportunity to take you for your continued support. It is an incredibly anxious time for us all with but we will get through this – together.

Kind regards,



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