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Dear parents/carers

This is the fourth week that school has been open since the beginning of term. There are things which are working well, and others, which we have had to adjust.

Changes brought in this term:	Impact:	Next Step:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staggered start and finish times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congestion at collection time for parents and children has been reduced. Difficult for some families with children arriving and leaving at different times. 	<p>From Mon 28th September: Year 2, 4 and 5 will be dismissed at 3:10pm, to reduce the wait time at the end of the day. Please leave promptly after collecting / dropping off children.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased handwashing / sanitizing for children and staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is working well. Thank you for not sending sanitisers from home. 	Will continue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designated work and play areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is limiting interaction with children between bubbles. Which means that if we had a positive case of COVID 19, we could keep the number of people having to isolate to a minimum. Unfortunately it does mean that children who have friends in other year groups miss out on this contact. 	Will continue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families with symptoms having to isolate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for all the information that you are sharing with us about symptoms and close contacts. We recognise that isolation causes a lot of disruption to families but it is essential to keep our school community safe. For the majority of our families tests have been difficult to book but not impossible. It requires several attempts but no families that have been able to book a test have had to travel far. We will support families where needed – just ask. Absence for reasons related to COVID 19 will not affect children’s attendance figures. 	<p>If your child has symptoms you must let us know as soon as possible.</p> <p>If somebody in the family has symptoms your child should not attend school.</p> <p>If your child has symptoms – let us know as soon as they are feeling better so that we can provide home learning for their self-isolation period.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce parents coming in to school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most families are now contacting us by phone (leaving a message if necessary) or email. This has really helped to prevent close contact and also to prevent congestion as children enter and leave the building. 	Will continue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not bringing bags into school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you, everybody has sent either a clear plastic reading bag or a flat green nylon bag. This has helped to keep surfaces clutter free and easier to clean. 	Will continue

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wearing PE kit all day on PE days for children in Year 1 to 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some flexibility was allowed by school at the beginning of term whilst families organised correct PE kit – thank you for letting us know that you were sorting this out. We thought that accessing official school green tracksuits may be difficult due to getting orders in time and also because of cost, therefore a plain black tracksuit could be worn with a school PE shirt. In the event of poor weather children could wear plain black trainers to come to school and wear them all day. All children are being sent to school wearing PE kit for their PE day Unfortunately children are being sent in many variations of PE kit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracksuit bottoms for colder weather must be the official school item (dark green) or plain black (not leggings). School PE T-shirt must be worn Sweatshirt top for colder weather must be the official school top (dark green) with logo or plain black or school jumper / cardigan. Hoodies may be worn on top of a school jumper but will have to be removed in class. Hoodies will not be allowed to be worn during all PE lessons for safety reasons. If trainers are not plain black send children to school in school shoes and place PE pumps or trainers in plastic bag and place within their reading bag to wear for PE lesson.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spare clothes bag for children in Nursery and Reception class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for not sending spare clothes into school. We have now created space for these to be kept in school. They will only be sent home if they have had to be used and need replenishing. 	<p>Spare clothes bag required to be kept in school. Please name bag and items.</p>

With numbers of COVID 19 cases increasing locally and nationally we are continually monitoring and reviewing guidance and procedures. We have had a number of families who have had to self-isolate due to being symptomatic, however we have been fortunate that all cases tested have been negative.

Local restrictions have been implemented this week. This does not affect schools, however, we urge you to maintain a distance from other families whilst waiting for your children.

If we do have a positive case reported within school, we will contact parents of the pupils who will be required to isolate by text message in the first instance, as the quickest form of communication.

We thank you for your support and look forward to continuing to work with you to keep our school community safe. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email.

Yours sincerely



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