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Dear parent/carer,

Thank you

Thank you for all of your support since returning to school. As in my previous letter, it is essential that children are not sent to school if showing symptoms of Covid19. Fortunately, the majority of parents are following all guidance and keeping everyone in the community safe. I am still awaiting advice on when school trips can resume and if there will be any further relaxation of the Covid19 rules in relation to schools. As soon as I receive anything, I shall of course write to you again. In the meantime, it is essential that we all follow the rules to keep everyone safe.

A reminder of the rules

- **No child must attend school and will not be admitted if they or anyone in their household has symptoms of Covid19. This is essential to keep everyone safe and you will be expected to confirm this with us when you drop off your child.** The main symptoms are: a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature). Please do not give your child Calpol to mask any temperature.
A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.
- If your child develops symptoms whilst in school, they will be isolated and you will be contacted to pick them up immediately. It is essential that we have up to date contact numbers for you and that you leave your phone on when your children are in school. **Any child with symptoms**



who is not picked up immediately puts everyone at risk.

- You will be given drop off and pick up times for your child. It is essential that you stick to these to help with social distancing around the school and ensure everyone is kept safe. **All children must be brought to school and picked up by an adult over 18. You must maintain a 2m social distance from other children and parents at all times whilst on school premises.**
- When dropping your children off, the children will line up on the yard, there will be teachers on the yard to help you with this. There is a maximum of 1 parent per child for dropping off and all parents must wear a face covering unless medically exempt. For Infant pupils, please stay with your child until they have been taken in by their class teacher. **Once the children are in school, please leave the school premises immediately and do not hang around outside the school gates to speak to others. This is essential to stop community transmission.**
- Please take this opportunity to walk, cycle or scooter your children to school, please do not come in your car unless absolutely necessary. This will ensure an orderly environment around the school and ensure you don't have to spend time trying to find parking and then missing your very important dropping off/picking up time.
- When picking your children up, please stand on the 2m markers for your child's class. You will then be called forward to collect your child. Please do not approach the exits until you have been asked by your child's teacher. **Once you have picked up your child, please leave the school premises immediately and do not hang around outside the school gates to speak to others.**
- **Parents are not allowed in the school building unless they have an arranged appointment.** If you wish to speak to Mrs. Davey in the Office, a class teacher or the Headteacher, you must do this initially by phone.

Parent meetings

As current Covid19 rules do not allow us to do this 'face to face' we have decided to undertake them via a telephone call to you during the week commencing 24th May. Your child's teacher will contact you with the date and time. Your child's teacher will discuss how your child has settled back, their attitude to learning, any successes/issues they've had and their progress so far this year. I hope you will find these phone calls useful.

New Headteacher

As you will be aware from my previous letter, I shall be leaving at the end of the Summer Term. I wanted to update you on what is happening in respect of appointing a new Headteacher. The Governing Body are responsible for this and the job is being advertised at the moment. Interviews will be held during the week commencing 24th May and hopefully they will be able to appoint before the half term holidays. The new Headteacher would hopefully then start in September.



Some Important dates for you

- Week commencing 24th May – Parental consultation meetings
- Friday 28th May – Last day of school before the half term holiday
- Monday 7th June – INSET (Staff training) day, school closed for pupils
- Tuesday 8th June – School starts back for pupils after the school holiday
- Tuesday 22nd June – Infant Sports Day
- Wednesday 23rd June – Junior Sports Day
- Tuesday 6th July – Annual written reports sent out to parents
- Friday 16th July – School closes for the Summer holidays

Keep safe and well,

Mr. M.S. Thompson
Headteacher

