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'Dream, believe, achieve together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is to keep you updated on the current situation in school. Please read it carefully as the content relates to all children in school.

You may well have seen some information earlier this week about government announcements which affect schools. Whilst we are still waiting for more detail and further guidance from the Local Authority, I wanted to share a quick summary of how it will affect us.

Until the End of Term

1. Pupils with symptoms or testing positive will still need to stay at home and self-isolate.
2. We will still have to identify in-school contacts and send them home.
3. Staff will continue with face masks in corridors and communal areas – and even after 19th July as a way of giving us all the best chance to start our holiday safe and healthy!

In September

1. Pupils with symptoms or testing positive will still need to stay at home and self-isolate.
2. There will be no more need for all contacts to self-isolate.

As per the guidance, we regularly review and update our risk assessments - treating them as 'living documents' - as the circumstances at our school and the public health advice changes. This includes having active arrangements in place to monitor that the controls are effective and working as planned.

Parents will, I am sure, be aware that we are currently dealing with a number of positive cases on a daily basis, unlike anything we have previously encountered. We are confident our systems are working well and have no desire to send any pupils home unnecessarily; we actively want children to be in school. In EYFS and Years 1 and 2, we will continue to use bubbles until the end of term to identify contacts as children of this age are less able to socially distance. In Years 3-6 we check the seating plan of every class carefully and only identify pupils that fall within the regulations we have been given, at times this means whole class bubbles. For the remainder of the term, we will continue to do our best to limit the number of pupils we send home as contacts – we will obviously inform parents involved and only inform all parents when it is essential.

I have been alerted to the fact that some children, who we know should be self-isolating, have been seen out and about in the local community when it is not an emergency. I would kindly ask those families to stick to the rules to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Update on School Events

Open Afternoon - Cancelled

We usually hold an 'Open Afternoon' for each year group where parents are able to look their child's work in school and discuss their child's end of year annual report. However, due to the Open Afternoons being indoors I have taken the decision to cancel them as we are only allowing essential visitors in school at the moment.

"A good school...where all groups of pupils make good progress... and some make outstanding progress"



Just to confirm, the dates that are cancelled are:

- EYFS and Year 3 & 4 Open Afternoon on Tuesday 20th July
- Year 1 & 2 and Year 5 & 6 Open Afternoon on Wednesday 21st July.

If you do have a question about your child's report then please use ClassDojo to contact your child's teacher.

Sports Days – Still Going Ahead

We still plan to go ahead with our Sports Days so please check the [school calendar](#) for the dates and times.

For this event to be as safe as possible I have carried out a risk assessment. Please note:

1. Only one parent will be allowed to attend per child. I would like to discourage pre-school children from attending the Sports Days if at all possible.
2. Parents will have to wear masks, unless exempt, whilst on the school site.
3. All parents must socially distance at all times from everyone else.
4. KS1 and KS2 will have their usual mix of potted sports and running races. During the potted sport activities, parents can move around the site at a social distance, observing their child whilst they take part in the activities.
5. During the running races, parents from all year groups (including EYFS) must sit on the socially distanced seats in a designated area.
6. Please be aware there is no wet weather plan and the event will not take place unless it is safe to do so, a decision will be taken in a timely manner to allow parents time to plan.

End of Year 2 and Year 6 Celebration Events

The Year 2 end of year Celebration Event has been moved to Tuesday 27th July. The timings will be the same as previously planned so please check the [school calendar](#) for the exact times.

The Year 6 Graduation is still going ahead as planned on Monday 26th July, please check the [school calendar](#) for the specific timings.

Both Celebration Events will take place outside and two parent/carers per family are able to attend. Whilst it is difficult to accommodate pre-school children, they may attend and sit on your lap if no other arrangements can be made.

We know that everyone will help to support us and follow this guidance closely in order to make sure these events are safe. If I feel at any point that the guidance is not being adhered to, I reserve the right to ask parents to leave the site and the event may take place without spectators.

Thank you for your continued support and fingers crossed for good weather.

Yours faithfully

Adrian Nash

Headteacher