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Dear Parents / Carers

Masks - We would be very grateful if parents could wear a mask when dropping off and picking up your children. We would like to say thank you to the parents who are already doing this and considering everybody else's safety, however, there are a growing number of parents who are not wearing a mask and we would appreciate if everybody could comply. We do not want to say to parents that they cannot come on the school premises if they are not wearing a school mask but if we do not see an increase in the wearing of masks we may have no alternative but to ask you to stay at the school gate both at drop-off and pickup times.

Children's Behaviour – We always take all incidents of poor behaviour seriously. We just want to reiterate this and inform you of a behaviour that we will not tolerate and which could lead to an exclusion. This is a child purposely "spitting" at another child.

Under the current climate this could result in children endangering each other and therefore they will face the most serious consequence on our behaviour policy.

Our children do not normally display such abhorrent behaviour but we thought it was important to alert you to our changed behaviour procedures.

Staff Changes - I am sorry to inform you that Mrs Jackson who has been at the school for the last 14 years will be leaving next week. Mrs Jackson now wants to take life a little bit easier so she is semi-retiring in order to do this. We are very sorry that she is leaving and we will miss her greatly. Her last day of employment is Friday 18 September. We wish Mrs Jackson all the best for the future.

Many of you will have already met Mrs Cooper and Mrs Stirk over the last couple of weeks and they will be the key staff that parents will be talking to over the phone and seeing at reception.

Other Staff News – We are delighted to inform you that Mr Mukadam's wife gave birth to a healthy baby boy on Monday. We wish to extend our congratulations to the family.

Parents evenings - Having discussed this matter we have agreed to carry out face-to-face parents' meetings but with a few changes. Due to social distancing rules we will only have one parent attending parents evening and no children to accompany them during the meeting. All parents will need to wear a mask and the staff will also have a face covering.

This will support everyone in staying safe but at the same time we keep the working very important of working with you to support your child's education.

Parents of children with special educational needs or the children are eligible for additional support under the pupil premium will have a separate appointment time during the school day with the class teacher.

Information about interviews will be sent to you over the coming weeks but the dates for Parents' Evening are Monday 12 October and Tuesday 13 October.

Children being ill - We are getting a considerable number of phone calls from parents asking us what to do when your child is ill. We are happy to provide advice and support where we are able. The following is the sort of advice that we are able to give but ultimately you have to recognise that we are not medical staff but just taking a very practical approach to some of the questions being asked.

If your child has a temperature or a cough then the office staff will automatically ask you to keep the child at home and possibly be taken for a test. However, you know your child and if you feel it is just a normal cold with those symptoms and you don't feel your child needs a test then we still would advise you to keep your child at home until all the symptoms have disappeared.

If, after having a test it is confirmed that **your child has Covid 19** then the child must not return to school for 10 days and the rest of the family will need to self-isolate for the 14 days as indicated in the government guidance but do not need to have the test if they do not have symptoms. However, you must let the school know.

If the result is **negative**, inform the school and your child may return.

If a child is ill at school we will as always ring you to come and collect your child and give you the relevant advice.

We have enclosed guidance from the NHS along with this newsletter to support you in taking the appropriate action that is required.

What to do if your child is sent home because another child in their bubble (e.g. class or year group) has tested positive

If another child with a positive test outcome attended the school in the 48 hours prior to symptoms appearing, a decision may be made that your child's class or year group has to go home for isolation. This is to protect members of the school community and others.

If your child is sent home, your child's school will inform you of this and your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days and watch for symptoms. Your child will be offered a test if symptoms do appear.

Members of your household will not need to isolate, unless your own child develops symptoms. All pupils in the bubble will need to isolate for 14 days even if your child has a negative result during this time.

If children are sent home, they will be provided with learning to complete at home during the period of isolation and we will keep in touch with you. We are going to be using Microsoft Teams for this. Information will be sent out next week.

Year 6 Information – Please find attached information about open evenings for our local secondary schools. It is really important parents find out as much as possible about each school before making the application. Deadline is 31 October 2020.

Car Parking – Please ensure you are parking with consideration to our neighbours. We are having complaints that cars are blocking driveways and making access to properties difficult.

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