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Dear Parents / Carers

Face Masks - We have requested that face masks are worn at drop off and pick up times and you will also have seen that the local authority have now asked all parents across Leicestershire to consider doing the same. I would like to say thank you to all the parents who are following this request and I would urge the others to do the same. We did receive a complaint from a member of the public driving past that there were a considerable number of parents not wearing face masks or even social distancing at the end of the school day. Again, I would urge you to maintain social distancing for the safety of everyone particularly in light of the increased cases in Oadby.

Absences - Earlier in the week we sent out a leaflet which informed you of when to keep children off to isolate. This leaflet is again enclosed with this newsletter should your child display any symptoms of Covid 19. Once again symptoms to look out for are:

- A new continuous cough
- Higher temperature than normal
- A loss of taste or smell

It is only if the children have the above symptoms that they are required to have a coronavirus test otherwise the child should simply stay at home until they feel well and then come back to school as normal.

Parking - We have had a number of complaints from local residents about parking however one that upset us the most was where a parent was rude and swearing at the person who kindly requested that they move their car. This is unacceptable behaviour, not only did the parent themselves behave in this abhorrent manner, it was also in front of their own children.

Birthday Treats - We normally say children are able to bring fruit or raisins as part of a birthday treat, however under the current situation, we are having to say that we will not allow children to receive any such treats. I know this is difficult and this is not something we want say to you as it is important to mark children's birthdays but we are limiting contact with everything in school and this includes the receiving of little treats that are shared across the class.

Parents Evenings – Following discussions with staff and with the current rise in the number of cases in Oadby we have decided that we will postpone parents evenings till later on in the term. However, if there is any information that you wish teachers to have please contact them via email.

We will however be undertaking telephone conversations with parents of children who are on the pupil premium register or special needs register. We will let you know the date and time as to when teachers will be undertaking those phone calls. Conversations will include how we can work together to support your child and the additional support that they may require within and beyond the curriculum.

Relationships and Sex Education – We would like to consult with parents on the work we have been doing to ensure the school meets the requirements to teach relationships and sex education that is due to be compulsory from April 2021.

We believe that the school already meets the government requirements, and are not proposing any significant changes to how we teach this subject. Please note that we will continue to share the relevant films in Y5 and Y6 on sex education prior to them being shown to the children, with opportunities for parents to withdraw their children from this if it is their wish.

The draft policy is on our school website for all parents to view. The proposed amendments are in red. We would ask you to read the document and email the office with any feedback that you would like us to take into account. Please do this by 30 November. Thank you for your time on this matter.

Finally let's all work together to stay safe by wearing masks, handwashing and social distancing.

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