Thursday 5th November 2020



Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Governments recent announcement to begin a second national lockdown from last night, midnight Wednesday 4th November 2020, we write to reassure you that as a school we will continue to implement our control measures in order to minimise risk of infection.

As a reminder we have the following control measures in school -

- One-way system during drop off and collection, please keep to the left at all times, following the markings on the ground
- All parents / carers on site to wear a face covering.
- Staggered times
- No parent to go to the school office unless you have an appointment.
- Regular hand washing intervals
- Personalised stationery not shared with others
- Designated toilets for each 'bubble class'
- No gatherings such as assemblies
- Break and lunch times within their own bubble
- Carpet time adhering to social distancing
- Regular washing of toys
- Reduced toys (removal of soft furnishings or cuddly toys)
- Extra cleaning teams to clean classrooms and toilets throughout the day
- Gloves, masks, and aprons available when administering first aid
- Staggered break and lunch times
- Only lunch boxes, water bottles and reading book / folder to be brought in
- We will send any children (including siblings) home that display symptoms of Covid 19, with the expectation they will self-isolate with the family and recommend that the whole family are tested.

Could we take this opportunity to ask parents to adhere to the staggered start and finish times as lists below:

Years 1, 3, 5 and Potter 8:30am – 3:00pm (and those with siblings)

Years 2, 4, 6, Reception 8:45am-3:15pm

Nursery (Zogs and Gruffalos) 8:45am – 3:30pm in order to minimise the number of people onsite.

As per the Government guidelines <u>ALL</u> children must attend school unless they have received a letter to say they are extremely clinically vulnerable. Government guidance states that if someone in the household has received the letter, children within the household should still attend school.



If your child or a member of the household displays symptoms of COVID-19 (High temp, loss of taste and or smell, persistent cough) you should arrange for your child to have a test and follow the guidelines attached.

If your child, you or a member of your family are tested positive the whole family must isolate for 14 days.

Should your child be ill and not able to attend school, please call the school before 8:45am and explain, in details, why your child will not be in school. Advising your child has a fever is not specific enough and will lead to a follow up call from the school office.

Should we have a positive case in school from either a child or a member of staff we will contact the DfE for guidance – which may result in the closure of the affected 'bubble' with immediate effect and provide online learning resources within 48 hours of the 'bubble' closing.

We may also have to shut a bubble if we are unable to safely teach due to staff shortage, as we will not be using any supply teachers at this current time. We will ensure we keep this to a complete minimum.

All members of the bubble would need to isolate for a period of 14 days and the school will inform you of the return to school date. No one else in the family is required to isolate, so all siblings of these children should continue to come to school.

These are worrying and testing times for us all and as a school our priority is to ensure that our school community support each other and work together to keep everyone safe.

Should you have any concerns, worries, questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Shotton and Mrs M Saunders

Executive Principals

