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Coronavirus Related Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to welcome our new reception children and their families this week and, despite not having many of the usual transition arrangements, they settled into school life brilliantly. Right across the school the children have been tremendous and have adjusted so well; we've been really impressed. They have all enjoyed catching up with friends and have been very understanding of why they can't see friends from other class bubbles in school; we know this has been hard for a few of them.

We continue to receive daily updates and guidance from the Department for Education and I will try to share all the relevant information with you.

Coronavirus test kits

All schools have been issued with a very small number of test kits which can be issued if someone is displaying obvious symptoms of Coronavirus. However, there are some conditions attached to their use:

- Only to be issued for staff or pupils to be tested; we cannot give them out for other family members
- If for a pupil, they must be administered off the school site by parents and carers
- Only to be used if the person with symptoms cannot access any of the other testing routes.

If any of these test kits have to be issued we will ensure the recipient receives full instructions on what to do.

Testing routes

There are a number of test routes open to you should someone in your household display symptoms of Coronavirus:

- Remote sites - these are drive-in only
- Local sites – these are walk-in
- Mobile test units – move around every few days to address changes
- Home test kits – can be ordered online and posted to the address you give

For more information: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>



Coronavirus symptoms

Coronavirus symptoms are:

- high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If you think your child or a member of your household may have Coronavirus you can contact NHS 111 for further advice. We recognise that as we move through autumn into winter there will be the usual ailments that we all pick up from time to time; bugs, colds, flu etc. Children should attend school unless they have an ailment that is accompanied by a high temperature or it is another of the contagious illnesses which require children to stay at home e.g. chicken pox. If in doubt, contact the school; thank you to those parents and carers who have already adopted this approach.

Staggered school day

Thank you for your on-going cooperation with our staggered school day. We appreciate there may be some inconveniences as a result of this but it is an important part of the protective measures we are putting place for everyone's safety. I am going to remind you of a few aspects which we all need to keep adhering to, to ensure it continues to run as smoothly as possible:

- Please be as punctual as possible but keep within designated time slots:
 - 8.30-8.40am – drop-off time for C4 and 2.50-3.00pm – pick-up time
 - 8.40-8.50am – drop-off time for C3 and 3.00-3.10pm – pick-up time
 - 8.50-9.00am – drop-off time for C2 and 3.10-3.20pm – pick-up time
 - 9.00-9.10am – drop-off time for C1 and 3.20-3.30pm – pick-up time
- If you have children in more than one class, and haven't already done so, please confirm with their class teachers which time slot you will be using; we are trying to collate a list for each class to make the pick-up process work as efficiently as possible by being prepared for your arrival.

Health & safety

Thank you for your consideration towards others on the path to the village hall car park. Whilst on duty in the morning and at the end of the day I can see that everyone is respectfully creating space for each other when passing on this pavement. I am just a little concerned that as people step out into the road to pass each other, there is a risk from passing traffic. This stretch of road has a 20mph limit and I ask you all to observe this; the slower a vehicle is travelling the shorter the stopping distance if a child steps out in front of a car. From my duties it is obvious that many cars are driving in excess of 20mph.

Finally, there are many things we will not be able to do this term or will need to do differently. Whilst it is not for several months yet, it seems unlikely we will be able to hold large gatherings, such as when we do nativity plays and concerts at Christmas; we hope to provide some online alternative if we are able to. Usually, within the first few weeks of the new school year, we invite you to our Meet the Teacher sessions, to find out what the children will be learning and how you can support them. Regrettably, we cannot do these but each teacher will send you this information in due course.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support; it is very much appreciated at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Andrew Hunt.
Headteacher.