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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of our third full week back it seemed like a good time to write to you and update you on how things are going in school and how you can further help us.

I am very pleased to report that the reopening to all children continues to go really well; thank you so much for your support with this. The children at both sites are really settled and staff tell me that it feels like the children have never been away. There is work to do to ensure that the time the children have had out of school does not have a long term impact on their education however early indications are very positive.

Attendance continues to be really good at both schools. We estimate that we have had just a 1.6% drop in attendance due to families isolating or being unable to get a test; this is much better than we projected. From the 5th of October we will be issuing paper work packs for children who are at home in isolation or awaiting a test. There is an expectation that this work will be completed and returned to school assuming the child is well enough to do so. This work will be assessed when the child returns to school to enable the teacher to praise the child for the good work they have done and to assess what progress they have made. In the event of a bubble closure or local / national lockdown online learning will be provided which can be submitted and marked by the teacher.

We recently sent out a link to help us understand what limitations parents would have if we found ourselves in a local or national lockdown. Many thanks to the many families who responded. If you have not yet completed this could I ask you to please do so? The information we gather will ensure that we can continue to educate your child should the bubble or school close and enable help us to allocate devices to children who need them.

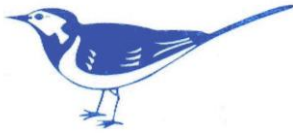
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As you will know we are entering into a new phase of the pandemic and it is now more important than ever that we all take all of the precautions we can to make our school and our community as safe as possible. Specifically it would help us if you could:

- Ask your child to wash their hands before and after school.
- Ensure you drop off and pick up as close to the specified times as possible.
- Only one adult to accompany each child if you need to enter the site.
- Please observe social distancing on site; away from other adults and other people's children.

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You may have heard that the NHS have now released a Track and Trace App. I would encourage all parents to download this to help protect our community further. [More information about this App can be found here.](#)

I will continue to stay in touch. If you have any questions about any aspect of school life please get it touch,

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Smith

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