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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have already come to the end of Term 1. The staff and children have worked exceptionally hard, in challenging conditions, and as a result, the term has been a very successful one.

Infection Control

We continue to work hard with our infection control measures including enhanced cleaning, operating in bubbles, social distancing where possible and frequent hand washing and sanitising. All of these measures ensure our children and staff are as safe as possible. Please continue to support us with this by:

- Picking up and dropping off as close to the bubble start and end time as possible.
- Keeping 2 metres away from other parents, staff and children when on site.
- Only entering the main office one at a time
- Not congregating around gate areas.

Please do not be offended if staff ask you to distance, move away from a gate or wait to enter the office. This is only to keep our whole school community safe.

Attendance

Our attendance has been very good. Thank you for your support with this. Of course if your child is ill, showing symptoms of COVID19 (new persistent cough, high temperature, loss of smell or taste) or are isolating under advice, we do not expect them to be in school. If you are unsure if your child should be in school please call us and we can advise. If it is COVID19 related you can also call 119.

Curriculum

As you know, in September we devised a recovery curriculum to prioritise the areas of learning that had been missed when the school was closed to most children. Feedback from staff has been very positive and as such we brought forward standardised tests to pinpoint exactly what gaps in learning still remain and when we can fully switch back to our new curriculum. The latest point we intend to do that is Summer 2021 however early indications show we may be able to do this earlier.

Remote Education Plan

We have a detailed remote education plan should children not be able to attend school. The broad outline of the plan is:

Children Isolating: A 2 week paper work pack will be sent on day 1 covering key learning. There is an expectation that this pack is returned when your child returns to school to enable staff to assess what progress has been made.

Bubble Closure or Local or National Lockdown: Your child will be set work in line with that they would have been doing if they were in school. This will be uploaded onto the online learning section of the school website.

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This will be a mixture of online learning, pre-recorded lessons and self-learning. Different to when we were in lockdown, children will answer questions using MS Forms which the teachers can respond to in TEAMS, phone calls or e-mails to ensure children are making progress.

We have a good idea of which children we would need to support with technology if there was a local or national lockdown. A paper solution will be given to those children who do not have a reliable internet connection. Thank you to those of you who completed our survey to give us this information.

Food Support

As a school, we decided to issue vouchers over half term to all Free School Meal eligible children in light of the Governments decision not to. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you did not get your voucher, please get in touch. We have access to other forms of food support that are not means tested so if you need something please get in touch in confidence.

I hope you have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing your child back on the 2nd November 2020. Please continue to follow the advice on Coronavirus to keep our whole community safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Smith
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