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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families have managed to enjoy a relaxing half-term. We write as the government has adapted the guidance nationwide at the weekend, which we appreciate may have an impact on some of our families.

We are working diligently to continue to provide an excellent education for your children remaining within the strict new DFE Covid guidelines. Therefore, we request you continue to be vigilant in helping us to continue as safely as possible. We continue to review our procedures and practices in school and will inform you directly about any changes required as additional guidance is provided to schools this week.

The safety of our pupils, community, parents and staff is of utmost importance. Therefore, please can we ask for your continued support with the following:

1. Please wear a mask or face covering at pick-up times.
2. Please pick-up and drop off promptly, at your designated time and leave the school site promptly to avoid larger than necessary numbers of adults and children on site.
3. Pick up is 3.10pm for Year 3 pupils (unless they have to wait for siblings), 3.14pm for Y4, 3.15pm for Y5 and 3.16pm for Y6. Remember, we have 2 gates that can be used. Please avoid arriving early and waiting on school site even if you are arriving by car. Cars double parking around the roundabout slows the flow of traffic. Cars MUST stay in single file allowing a clear route around the roundabout to help the flow of traffic. When you are on site, please keep your distance from other adults at all times.
4. Please be reminded pupils should not bring in unnecessary bags and items and please send your children in complete school uniform or PE kit.
5. To support updated Covid guidance, if you need to speak with a member of the Leadership team, Pastoral Workers or Teaching Staff, please speak to the office staff or send a message via our MyEd app and someone will get back to you. Face to face meetings need to be avoided as case numbers rise again.
6. Please continue to send your healthy children to school. The government has been clear that attendance, academics and school interactions are important for your children to learn and grow.
7. Our staff are united in appreciating your support and consideration. Please continue to be patient with our staff, as we are all striving for the best for our school under these trying times.

Quick health reminder: If your child is symptomatic: presenting a high temperature, continuous cough, loss of smell and taste, please do not send them into school. In these instances, the whole family should self-isolate until testing negative. If you or your child is awaiting results, please inform us of the results immediately.

If your child has been told by track and trace that they have been in close contact with a person who has tested positive, they MUST not attend school for 14 days. This still applies if they have shown symptoms and have had a negative test outcome. This is due to the fact that it can take a number of days for symptoms to appear. Online education, via our Google Classroom will be arranged, as shared previously. If you become symptomatic whilst self-isolating, please inform the school immediately. All additional guidance is on our website.



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Once again, we appreciate this is an extremely difficult time for everyone and we are living in most unprecedented times.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Kelly Scott
Headteacher