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Dear Families

As we move into a second lockdown we have reviewed our risk assessments across the Trust. We have received the guidance for schools and would like to share this with you.

Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) Children

The guidance is very clear that all children should be in school unless they have a letter from their doctor stating that they are clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV). If this is the case for your child, please discuss the educational provision for your child with your Head Teacher. The advice is that most children originally designated clinically extremely vulnerable are no longer identified as such. If a child lives with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, they should still attend education.

Clinically vulnerable staff and children

Staff and children who are clinically vulnerable or have underlying health conditions but are not clinically extremely vulnerable, should continue to attend school in line with current guidance.

Face Coverings

There is no change for primary schools on the guidance about face covering and so we are not required to wear face coverings in school.

However, we want to reduce the chances of adults passing on the virus to each other and so we would ask you to wear a face mask both at drop off and pick-up times. Members of staff will do the same. While we cannot make this compulsory, it is courteous to others and will reduce stress levels for many. Please be respectful of the few adults who are unable to wear masks for personal reasons.

Out-of-school activities

Government advice is that we cannot run clubs out of school hours unless they are for childcare purposes. This means that our breakfast and after school clubs can run but that all other out of school activities not primarily used by parents for care, should close for the four weeks. We had hoped to continue our outside sports clubs but sadly these will need to cancel for lockdown time.

Supporting our staff

With an increasing number of families able to work from home during the current lockdown, you may be able to take your child home on a Friday afternoon if you have been accessing the care to date. Although we had asked you to commit for a whole term to using this provision, it would really help us with staffing, if they could be collected so that the facility can continue. Please contact the school if you are wishing to change your arrangement. The Friday afternoon closure would appear to be having a positive impact in terms of the low numbers of bubbles we have needed to close.



Remote Learning

As you are aware, all class teachers are required to plan remote learning for children who are healthy but isolating. (We would not expect children who are unwell to be doing so). Planning for and communicating this learning is extremely time-consuming for staff; it is carefully designed to enable the different learning circumstances that children find themselves in at home. It is frustrating in cases where children have returned to school following an isolation period, yet they have not completed the learning that was set for them. This places an additional burden on an already stretched staff who then need to spend additional time catching up with individuals, which in turn impacts on the rest of the class. In the interests of *all* the children, please do make every effort to ensure that your child completes home learning that is set for them. If you are experiencing difficulties with this, do contact the school or class teacher.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Dickinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

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