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"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible."

(Matthew: 17 v20)

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Dear parents/carers

The information below is for those children invited to attend school under the current lockdown restrictions.

As you will be aware we had a number of positive COVID-19 cases that required the school to close prior to the half term break. There were 14 cases in total; many did not exhibit the classic three symptom's associated with COVID-19 and within our community, although most were moderately unwell, we did have one hospitalisation and some now have long COVID.

This does mean that the community is anxious about the continuing situation and as such it is important that the information within this letter is adhered to at all times for everyone's health and protection.

Operational information:

Start of the day

8.45-8.55am Year 6, 4 and 2 to enter via the Goodwin playground gate
Year 5, 3, 1 and R to enter via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)

End of day arrangements

2.55pm Year R to exit via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
3.00pm Year 6 to exit via the Goodwin playground gate
Year 5 to exit via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
3.05pm Year 4 to exit via the Goodwin playground gate
Year 3 to exit via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
3.10pm Year 2 to exit via the Goodwin playground gate
Year 1 to exit via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)

- We aim to open breakfast club everyday (open from 8.00am) but it will depend on the ability to get provisions and staffing – we will try and give as much notice as possible if we need to close. Please book a place using the breakfast club booking form on the school website – places must be pre-booked as we have limited space.
- School uniform is required (extra layers for warmth in well ventilated classes would be advisable).
- Whole school meals will provide a hot lunch – please see form at the end of this letter
- We will be operating with a skeleton staff and this will be different each week – if we experience staff shortages then it is possible we will not operate on any one day – you will be informed by text
- When waiting to enter school or collect from school please try to be aware of social distancing and wear a face covering



What children need to bring/can bring to school

- Water bottle – children **MUST** bring their own water bottle to school
- Healthy snack for break times
- A school bag
- Lunch box
- Coat
- Hand sanitizer – we have plenty of soap and water but if you would prefer your child to use a hand sanitizer they may bring one to school. It must be named and kept in their school bag
- Reading books will be able to go to and from school but will be rotated so books do not go from one house to another within 72 hours
- Face coverings – these are not needed in school but if your child wears one to/from school, and it is reusable, then a named plastic bag (such as a sandwich bag) needs to be provided – or take it home with you and bring it back at the end of the day.
- Year 5 and 6 may bring their mobile phone once they have completed a mobile phone agreement and are walking home without an adult. A named plastic bag (such as a sandwich bag) needs to be provided to put the phone in to before it is handed to the class teacher for safe keeping during the day.
- No other items should be brought into school from home

The main symptoms of Coronavirus remain the same

- **High temperature**
- **A new continuous cough**
- **Loss/Change to your sense of smell or taste**

However, our positive cases experienced none of these symptoms but had some of those below instead

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Sneezing
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting – 48 hours
- Diarrhoea – 48 hours

If your child is displaying **any** of the above symptoms or is **generally unwell**, please keep them at home as a precaution and book a COVID-19 test. You must follow the guidance from the government <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-and-not-send-your-child-to-school>.

If we have to take the decision to close a class/year group bubble due to a possible/confirmed COVID-19 case, we ask that you keep all siblings connected to this year group at home for the same self-isolation period.

Your continued support during these challenging times is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Leighton
Headteacher

