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Friday 13th November

Dear Parents

I do hope that you are all keeping safe and well at this time. Thank you for all of your support in continuing to wear face masks to school. Staff are working extremely hard to ensure that we are all doing everything possible to ensure that we are keeping children and each other safe during the school day and continuing to work within safety measures during this time.

I wanted to write to you to provide further clarification in terms of the temporary pausing of our extra-curricular clubs. Schools received updated guidance on 5th November 2020 in line with the new four week lockdown period which is currently due to end on 2nd December 2020. The guidance has two key points relating to extra-curricular activities which I have inserted below:

Out-of-school activities

- Out-of-school activities (including wraparound childcare) may continue if their primary purpose is providing childcare in order to enable parents to work, search for work or undertake training/education.
- All other out of school activities, not being primarily used by parents for these purposes, should close for face-to-face provision for the duration of the national restrictions.

The Government makes clear here the distinction between an after-school club (which includes wraparound care) that is used for the purposes of parent's going to work, seeking employment or training, and that of extra-curricular clubs. The clubs that we have here at Dunsford Community Academy are extra-curricular clubs and therefore have been paused until guidance stipulates that we are able to resume. Our breakfast club provision continues to run as this is in line with the guidance set out above.

I do hope that this helps to clarify the situation.



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Please do rest assured that, once restrictions allow, extra-curricular clubs will resume as we absolutely recognise the importance of such activities for the children.

If you have any further questions regarding this then please do not hesitate to contact me.

In addition to this, although schools are open, there are still a number of restrictions that are in place which affect how we all behave out of school in our day to day lives.

As a staff, we have become increasingly concerned this week about the number of families and children who are accessing the park after school. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the social distancing guidance that is currently in place alongside the lockdown restrictions.

Whilst COVID-19 numbers in our area are low, it is imperative that we continue to follow the lockdown rules and procedures to ensure that we maintain this. Staff are working really hard in school to ensure that bubbles are kept separate and hygiene measures are followed to keep the children, staff and community safe. If we all work together, we can ensure that the lockdown measures are followed outside of the school gates also so that we will, hopefully, overcome this pandemic and return to normal as soon as possible. I really do appreciate how difficult this time is for many of us and, as always, if there is any support that you feel you need then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Guntrip

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Head of Academy