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7th September 2021

Dear Parents,

It is so lovely to welcome you and the children back to school this morning. I hope that you have all had a wonderful Summer and that you have been able to enjoy some of the sunny weather. A special warm welcome to our new children and parents who are joining us this year- welcome to our school family! It was lovely to see so many beaming faces (parents and pupils!) as children came into school this morning - what a gorgeous sight it was and a brilliant way to begin the new academic year. Welcoming the children back after the summer is always a special time and it is always a privilege to see how much they've grown, hear about what they have been up to over the holiday and to hear their hopes and aspirations for the new school year.

I'm very much looking forward to this school year and continuing to empower our whole school family to work together to ensure the very best for all, and to set our children on the path to realising those hopes and aspirations. We are going to be continuing to focus on our school vision this year of '**Together we learn, together we grow, together we bloom**' and I am looking forward to seeing this vision in action.

As we look forward to this year, I wanted to take this opportunity to reassure parents, as I did in our letter at the end of the term in July, about the measures we have in place to prioritise high quality face to face education for children, whilst **minimising risks of any COVID- 19 transmission**. We will continue to have our System of Controls which include: regular handwashing, good ventilation, enhanced cleaning as well as following **Government rules on testing and isolation which all parents need to be aware of:**

- Children should not come to school with symptoms but book a PCR test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



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If the PCR test is positive, the child must isolate for 10 days and parents will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace who will identify any close contacts and support with next steps. Schools will no longer have responsibility for contact tracing. However, please do let us know so we can support Remote Learning and be extra vigilant for any spread at school. Other household members will be advised to take a PCR test but can attend school unless they themselves have symptoms or have a positive PCR test.

If we do have positive cases in school, under Government rules on self isolation, we will no longer be sending whole bubbles home. Instead, we will send parents of children in that year group a 'Warn and Inform' letter with information so that they can be extra vigilant too.

**Rates of COVID-19 in the South West are high and the whole of the region has been designated as an Enhanced Response Area.** This means we should be vigilant and play our part in minimising any risks. There are things we can all do to reduce the risks and I would encourage our whole community to work together, as we did so brilliantly in the Summer, to do this:

### **Do**

- Wear face coverings in enclosed and crowded spaces, where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet: Please wear face coverings at school drop off and collection.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available .
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.
- Participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). I would encourage you to log your results here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>

The Government continues to encourage all over 16 to ensure they are vaccinated to protect themselves and others. You can easily access this by calling your GP or the national booking service:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination>



Our school staff continue to work on minimising the risk by LFD testing twice a week, wearing face coverings in any crowded shared areas of the school as well as when on the school gates.

Like all schools, we will have an outbreak management plan which would be put in place, with support from Public Health England, should an outbreak occur and this would see 'tighter' measures. I will continue with the Friday letter to Parents each week but will be in further contact should we need to.

Thank you all for your continued support as we move into the new academic year. I am looking forward to working with you all and continuing to grow and develop our wonderful school.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Academy