

8th September 2020

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and teachers have been so impressed with how they have settled in.

As you know, we have put measures in place to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID in our school community. Thank you all for following the new times for drop off and collection, it has been getting smoother each and every day as parents become more and more aware of the exact times needed. Many parents are now dropping their child at the start of Garden Lane at the correct time, and this means it is becoming less busy with adults waiting.

Of all the measures in place, the most important is that all parents are aware of and support the Government's Test and Trace programme. All schools were sent further reminders last week from the Government to ensure that are continually communicating about this so all parents know what to do if their child or member of household develops one or more of the coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough
 - the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell
- Or if a healthcare provider recommends getting a test.

Parents should book a test using 119 or the website

link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> and self-isolate as a whole family.

It is also really important to contact us as a school if this happens as we also need to be notified. At this point, we would notify the relevant Public Health organisation and work to support the family. We would need to keep in close contact with the family whilst a test is taken and to know the results immediately so we can inform Public Health and follow their advice. Working together as whole community is vital now, more than ever.

I would thank you all for sending your children back to school and supporting us with our work to get the new term going. As we get back into the routine of school, teachers will begin to ease the children back into their learning. The focus on our first few days has been getting to know each other again, building relationships and taking the time for children to become familiar with the new routines, such as having lunch in class.

I'm sure many of you will be keen to know how we will be approaching our curriculum this year and get children back into their learning in class. Our leadership in school have undertaken a great deal of research and wider planning to plan this return. We are working alongside our Trust Curriculum and Subject Leaders, following the most recent guidance from the Government and we will be writing to you with more detail about our curriculum over the next few weeks. The initial



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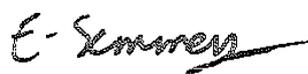


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focus is on supporting children's mental health and wellbeing as we realise this has been such a challenging period for all, again this is fully supported by the Government's advice. Alongside this, getting back into phonics and reading is our first step.

Here is a direct link to the Government's guide for parents about returning to school and the actions we all need to be taking to support this: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=back-school-campaign-aug-2020&utm_medium=offline&utm_campaign=backtoschool

Yours sincerely



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