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Year 2 Return to School – Tuesday 24th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well. We are writing to you to give you more information about the reopening of Year 2 and what your child can expect from their return to school after two weeks of self-isolation and home learning.

The Year 2 team would like to thank all the Year 2 parents and carers for the fantastic support we have received throughout this period of isolation. Together we have ensured our pupils continued to access a broad and balanced curriculum which has reflected the learning which would have taken place in the classroom and have minimised any disruption to their learning. We have seen 96% of our children access SeeSaw, upload their daily learning and receive personal feedback off their class teachers. This is an incredible achievement, and we want to thank parents and carers for using the app to facilitate the learning and for your role as co-educators. We would also like to say a huge well done to our Year 2 pupils who have once again demonstrated remarkable resilience, determination and enthusiasm for their learning. We have really enjoyed seeing all their learning and we particularly enjoyed seeing them take part in Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Week from home.

Our pupils' wellbeing is of utmost importance to us. We have incorporated many elements of mindfulness and PSHE into our home learning and we will continue to do this on our return to school. We understand that many pupils will have found the coronavirus pandemic, and their isolation period, overwhelming. We will continue to provide emotional support and we will complete daily whole class PSHCE and mindfulness sessions in a calm and supportive environment. The aim of this is to enable the children to identify how they feel and ways in which they can regulate their emotions and seek support. If you have any questions or concerns about your child returning to school, please contact your child's class teacher directly.

When we return to school, we will be using the first few days back to revisit and review some of the learning which has taken place throughout the isolation period. We will use the home learning and the children's prior knowledge as a basis to build upon, address any misconceptions and further challenge the children. We will challenge the children to apply their knowledge of addition and subtraction to some fluency questions and more substantial Maths problems. We are excited to resume our English learning which is based on our class text 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark.' We will be using our computing skills to research owls and use these facts to write a non-chronological report. We look forward to sharing this learning with you.

Your child's self-isolation period ends on **Monday 23rd November 2020**. Your child is due to return to school on **Tuesday 24th November 2020**. The school is using staggered start and finish times until further notice to allow for effective social distancing. **Year 2 are to be dropped off between 8:40am and 8:50am and picked up between 14:50pm and 15:00pm**. The school is still operating a one-way system around the premises and is asking all parents and carers to support guidelines by wearing a face covering whilst picking up and dropping off.

Changes to Year 2 on return to school:

The leadership team, in consultation with the schools Health and Safety consultants, have reviewed the current operational plan and risk assessments to minimise the contact between classes within the Year 2 bubble. **From Tuesday 24th November Year 2 children will be offered a 'hot packed lunch' in their own classroom (please see menu attached)**. Children can choose daily from the hot packed lunch section or a sandwich option (Cheese, ham or tuna). If children and parents prefer the children can also bring their own packed lunch from home. By doing this the contact between the children in Year 2 will be vastly minimised and as a result this should mean that the need to isolate Year 2 as a whole Year Bubble following identified positive cases will be reduced. In making this decision we also considered all of the parental feedback received and hope that this decision is supportive to both the children and families. We realise that the hot packed lunch option differs to that currently offered as a hot school meal but our main aim is to ensure the Year 2 children remain in school and have continuity in their face to face teaching. Ongoing reviews of the schools' practice will take place in line with the current risk assessments.

If your child or anyone in your household is experiencing coronavirus symptoms or you have been identified as a close contact via the NHS Track and Trace then they must remain at home until they have had a test and the result has come back negative. In any of these circumstances, parents **must not** send their child to school, and should notify the school office as soon as possible.

24 Hour COVID-19 Reporting to School

With everything going on we need to make sure you can contact us at any point (including evenings and weekends) if you, your child or someone in your house gets a positive test result for COVID-19. Therefore, we have created an email address for you to contact us should you get a positive test result for anyone in your household. The email address is covidreporting@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk. This email address is regularly monitored so we can take the appropriate action should we have a positive case within our community.

We thank you again for your understanding, patience and support during these challenging times. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday.

Kindest regards,

Miss Webb, Miss Rush and Miss Barber
Year 2 team

