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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

We are aware that the second lockdown period has brought with it its own challenges and concerns regarding family welfare and a return to national restrictions. The good news is that schools remain open and that we are here to continue with our children's education and to support you in whichever way possible.

In addition to settling into a new way of working, our staff have been busy assessing our children and offering them extra support in catching up with any learning they may have missed earlier in the year.

We have now set up our parent consultation evenings which will be taking place on the 24th, 25th & 26th of November. More information will follow on individual meeting timings and directions on the use of the virtual platform.

Isolation periods

We have had our Y5 'bubble' return from their isolation period after a diagnosed case of infection. They have since returned after having to isolate for 14 days in which time any infection risks would have surfaced. Thankfully all staff and pupils are well and unaffected.

The current guidelines continue to apply as follows:

- If your child displays any of the symptoms: new cough, fever or loss of taste and smell, you need to notify the school immediately so that further measures can be taken.
- In such a case, you will be advised to arrange for a test for your child and inform the school of the outcomes.
- If your child has been diagnosed with Covid, they will be asked to isolate for 14 days together with their household.
- Households of children who have not shown signs of infection, do not need to isolate as a whole household.

There are occasions where staff are having to isolate based on different circumstances. They may have to isolate due to the national 'Track and Trace' system if they have come into close contact with an infected individual, or they may have to isolate due to an infected household member.



If a staff member is diagnosed as COVID positive, you will be informed **immediately** and if your child has come into close contact with them they will also be asked to isolate by the school.

Remote Learning

We wanted to update you on our current plans for remote learning in case the need arises again. During the last lockdown period some of our children were unable to access their learning due to the absence of electronic devices. In order to remedy this we have purchased a considerable number of Chrome Book laptops which are now being processed for December delivery. We have also put in a bid to the DfE for an additional number of Chrome Books that we are entitled to through government funding.

Soon, we will also be introducing 'Google Classroom' which is a new electronic platform to expand on our current offer of remote learning with more exciting and flexible opportunities. Our staff, parents and pupils will be receiving some training on the use of this platform.

Curriculum Outlines

Some of you may be wondering why you have not received any information on this term's curriculum outlines. The emphasis this term has been on offering our children the best opportunity to settle back into school, adjust to the changes and catch up with some of the work they have missed. This has been a new government stipulation to all schools, in anticipation of last year's missed learning. Since September, our children have been learning through a whole school theme called 'Changes' during which time the personal, emotional and social aspect of the curriculum alongside English and Maths have been the focus. Government expectation is that all other school subjects are fully implemented by summer term in 2021. However, as we like to be a step ahead and we want our pupils to continue enjoying all learning, our staff have been planning for the full breadth of the curriculum which we aim to begin in the new term. You will soon be receiving information on the new topics and coverage.

Once again we want to thank you for your continued support and ask that you maintain communication with us through the front office by phone or email, if you have any concerns.

We look forward to seeing you soon, albeit virtually, during the upcoming parents consultation meetings.

I hope this update has been useful.

I wish you a great weekend!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Stav