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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you and your families are as safe and well as they can be at this difficult time and I would like to welcome back our children to the new term.

We understand that a number of positive Covid19 cases have been reported in the village. I know these are very difficult times for many families and we will continue to support you in as many ways as we can.

Staying open for all our children, whilst we are allowed, is very important to us and we hope it is helping you carry on as normal as possible in these unprecedented times. Following the latest announcement about going into a new lockdown from Thursday 5th Nov I would like to reassure parents that school will be remaining open to children.

Increased Safety Guidelines.

As we have a number of staff who fall into the vulnerable category we are asking for your support in implementing some further safety measures to compliment what we already have in place.

We are requesting **that all parents wear a face mask** as they drop off and pick up from school.

Staff will also be wearing face masks as they meet the children, walk around school and hand children over at the end of the day.

Any **visitors coming into school** will need to wear a face mask.

If you or anyone in your household are displaying symptoms, waiting for a test, waiting for a test result or have tested positive we ask that you keep your child/children isolated (even if they are not displaying symptoms) for the required amount of time. We are trying to be extra cautious as a result of the increased number of positive cases in our locality and the risks associated with bringing this into school. Your help in supporting us with this is greatly appreciated.

Important information about Home Learning due to self-isolation.

As the number of cases rise and more children may need to be off school self-isolating we have put in steps to support home learning. We appreciate that it is not ideal that children may have to stay at home and self-isolate and that they may miss the direct teaching and

learning that is taking place in school. We do however have a duty to provide children with access to home learning. With this in mind we are asking that children who are off school complete the daily lessons at home.

If children are learning from home, we ask that they follow the lessons that are provided by Oak National Academy.

This website can be accessed by the Home Learning and Oak Academy tab on the school website or following the link - <https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

School are recommending that children follow the daily schedule of lessons.

Children can search by subject or if they click on **schedule**, they can follow set lessons for that day. This includes Maths, English and another subject each day.

All lessons include a video and work that can be completed without the need to print out a worksheet.

Parents can also contact their child's teacher directly via Class Dojo and we encourage the parents of children who are learning at home to do this.

Children should also be encouraged to read, work on their times table speed of recall using TT Rock stars and work on spellings that can also be found on their class home learning page on the school website.

Yellow grit bin at the bottom of the school drive.

A number of children are climbing on the yellow bin at the bottom of the school drive at the end of the day. The bin is not part of school property so can you please ensure that your child is not climbing on this as we wish to prevent either an accident or damage to the bin?

INSET Reminder

A reminder that the next school INSET day will be Friday 27th November and the last day of term is Friday 18th December.

Thank you once again for your continued support during these difficult times and please feel free to call me if you need to.

Kind Regards



Mr Flint



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