

12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see how the children have settled back into the new school year, especially those who are new to our school. We both look forward to meeting you throughout the year and are always available if you have any questions.

### **National Bank Holiday**

Following the sad news of the death of Her Majesty, the government and Buckingham Palace have confirmed that the Queen's funeral will take place on Monday 19 September 2022. **Therefore school will be closed on this day.**

### **Year 6 Entrance Exams for Trafford Consortium**

(Urmston Grammar, Altrincham Grammar for Boys, Altrincham Grammar for Girls, Sale Grammar and Stretford Grammar)

The Trafford Consortium entrance exam will now take place on **Tuesday 20th September, 2022**. All previous arrangements remain in place. They will not be sending out additional paperwork with new dates, and candidates are still expected to bring with them, a stamped and signed copy of the attendance form.

### **Google Classroom**

As mentioned in last week's letter, teachers will be sending children in their class an invite to join Google Classroom. This platform is used for homework and additional resources/information will be added throughout the course of the year.

Please do not use this platform to message your child's teacher directly, please instead send any queries through to the school email or speak to the teacher at the end of the school day.

### **Covid**

Locally there has been an increase in Covid-19 rates over the summer, however rates have now declined and are levelling off. Please see the table below for guidance.

### **Reminders**

School starts at 8:55am, children can access their classrooms from 8:45am. The main gates will be locked from 9am, if you arrive past this time please enter school through the main reception.

Although the children are looking very smart, can we remind you that polo shirts are to be worn **only** in the summer term. Trainers can be worn at playtimes but the children must wear their shoes once back in class. P.E Kits consist of a white t shirt and black shorts. During the winter months, plain black tracksuits/school sweatshirts are allowed.

Finally, thank you for your continued support in our first week.

Yours sincerely

Mr Smith and Mrs Atherton

## Symptoms

Most people can no longer access free NHS testing for Covid-19. However, we appreciate that some individuals are continuing to test.

Symptoms of Covid-19, flu and common respiratory infections include:

- continuous cough
- high temperature, fever, or chills
- loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
- shortness of breath
- unexplained tiredness, lack of energy
- muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise
- not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry
- headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual
- sore throat, stuffy or runny nose
- diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

### **What actions should be taken if someone is showing symptoms of Covid-19, flu, and common respiratory infection?**

|  | Action to take   | Stay at home  | Back to the setting  |
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| <b>Adult or child with symptoms of a respiratory infection</b> | They should get plenty of rest and drink water to keep hydrated<br>Use medications such as paracetamol to help with symptoms | Stay at home if: they have a high temperature, are feeling unwell | Return to education setting and resume activities when they no longer have a high temperature and are feeling well again |

### **What actions should be taken if someone has a positive test result?**

|  | Action to take   | Stay at home   | Back to the setting   |
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| <b>Adult with a confirmed case of Covid-19</b> | Get plenty of rest and drink water to keep hydrated<br>Use medications such as paracetamol to help with symptoms | For 5 days after the day, they took their test<br><br>Adults who have tested positive for Covid-19 but are feeling well should still stay at home until 5 days after the day they took their test.   | After the 5-day isolation period if they are well enough to return and no longer have a temperature (if they had one) |
| <b>Child with a confirmed case of Covid-19</b> | Get plenty of rest and drink water to keep hydrated<br>Use medications such as paracetamol to help with symptoms | For 3 days after the day, they took their test<br><br>Children who have tested positive for Covid-19 but are feeling well should still stay at home until 3 days after the day they took their test. | After the 3-day isolation period if they are well enough to return and no longer have a temperature (if they had one) |

