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Dear Parents

We can believe that Jesus is in our situation with us, and even though sometimes it feels as if He is sleeping through our STORM, we can know that he is still able to tell the storm to BE STILL- and when he does, it will STOP.

The quote above is from my first letter to you when we locked down in January and it still applies to us now! Who would have thought we would be in this battle for so long! Time has flown and I cannot believe that we are reaching the last half term of the academic year.

This week has been a very challenging with the closure of the Year 4 bubble. It is evident now that there is a definite change in the symptoms of this most unusual virus. I have been in regular contact with Public Health since Saturday and can assure you that as a school, we are doing everything that we need to do and more to continue to keep our school community as safe as possible. Please continue to socially distance at the gates and wear face coverings, thank you.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Year 4 pupils and staff as they live again in the world of remote learning. Thank you to you all for your support and particularly to the Year 4 parents who have had to, like us, switch their lives around again. I have always said that as a community we will get through this and this is still true. We can and will continue to move forward.

As we begin half term, I need to inform you:

If your child is symptomatic on 29th or 30th May 2021, you should arrange for immediate PCR testing here:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/condition> and inform the school immediately using the following number: 07719 108185 if the result is positive.

Any child who develops COVID-19 symptoms and tests positive on or after 00.01hrs on Monday 31st May will not need to inform the school immediately but will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and their close contacts will be identified through the national Contact Tracing Service (CTS).

Any children who need to continue their self-isolation into the new term must inform the school of this absence in the usual way.

As I informed you this week, under no circumstances should any pupil be in school if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms (however minor) or are unwell in any other way. Remember that the runny nose is now exhibiting itself as a symptom too. If you are unsure at all, you should arrange for a test immediately and inform the school.





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You can look forward to receiving our end of term newsletter on Friday. Do take the time to read it and ensure that you have the key dates relevant to you in your diaries. This just leaves me to wish you from the staff, governing body and myself, a happy and restful half term with your families.

Thank you again for your constant support and understanding.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

