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Letter to Parents/Carers 17-11-2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep the school open by reinforcing our safety messages with your children and by taking care not to send them in if they have any symptoms of Covid, however mild.

Informing school about sickness absence

Please can you be really specific when you leave a message when reporting an absence. If you phone in and say that your child is 'ill' or 'poorly', then someone may call you back to check if your child has displayed any Covid 19 symptoms. This is to make sure that we keep everyone in the community safe.

If you are in any doubt, please contact Ms Ebanks, the school medical officer, and keep your child off school.

Masks and sanitising

We have seen reported today that in Liverpool, where they have been doing random testing, they found 700 cases where people tested positive with no symptoms. This is not a surprise to us because in the very small number of confirmed cases we have had in school the symptoms have ranged from none at all, fever, loss of taste, vomiting and just generally feeling poorly.

So it is clear that we all have to continue with our safety steps of wearing masks and regularly sanitising especially on arrival to school and when putting on and taking off masks. It is also helpful if each child has their own small bottle of sanitiser.

We have noticed that the vast majority of pupils are arriving at school with masks. There are only very few pupils who persistently need to be reminded and we will be calling home in those instances. If you are in financial difficulty and need assistance in providing your children with masks, please let us know. This regular safety step is very important in stopping the spread of the virus.

Arrival to school

Please make sure that your child arrives only 15 minutes before their start time. We have noticed that Year 7, in particular, are arriving very early. This makes it more difficult for us to keep the bubbles separate so please talk to your child about this.

Free school meals holiday vouchers

We will be able to give out one week's worth of vouchers for the past half-term holiday in the near future. We will let you know when they are available and they will be given out by Ms Ebanks to the students in school.

Thank you again for your support at this time. It really does make a difference in how well we are able to keep the school safe.

Kind regards,

Mrs Thompson

Deputy Headteacher