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Coronavirus Update

In light of Saturday's emails, I thought you might like some information regarding the following points:

1. Protocol for when a pupil or member of staff tests positive

- The parent of the pupil or member of staff notifies school
- School immediately contacts the Trust, Public Health England and Oxfordshire County Council
- Close contacts of the symptomatic individual are established
- Parents are informed via Parent Hub of their child's need to self-isolate
- Other parents are informed via Parent Hub of a member of the school community testing positive for coronavirus

Schools must not share the names of people with coronavirus.

2. Self-isolation

If your child is told to self-isolate it is extremely important that he/she stays at home for the designated period of time and follows the national guidance. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate unless they are a 'close contact' too.

3. Pupils and families who are anxious about attending school

We continue to follow all government guidelines and I would like to reassure you of the measures we are putting in place to reduce the risk in school. These include:

- Arranging classes in bubbles that do not mix with one another
- Staggering start/end times
- Sanitising/washing hands regularly
- Ventilating all rooms
- Staggering play/lunch times
- Providing stationery in individual pencil cases
- Enhanced cleaning of classrooms
- Additional enhanced cleaning of communal areas





4. Attendance

The DfE have informed us that it is vital for all children (other than those who are self-isolating or absent for valid reasons) to attend school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development.

Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance has therefore been mandatory from the beginning of the autumn term. This means the usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure their child's attendance regularly at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school, and they are of compulsory school age)
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

5. Drop off / Collection

In order to protect all members of the local community:

- Ideally, only one adult to drop off/collect
- Maintain social distancing
- Arrive on time (not early or late) and leave quickly once you have dropped off/collected
 - 8:30am – 3:00pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
 - 8:45am – 3:15pm Years N, R, 1 and 2
 - 8:30am – 3:15pm Years N, R, 1 and 2 with a brother or a sister in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6
- Please do not stop for a chat!
- Do not park outside the KS1 gate
- Consider wearing a face covering

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please call the school office on 01865 340420. Alternatively, please email your child's class teacher.

6. Social Media

Please be mindful of any comments you post on social media and respect each other's privacy.