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Dear Parents/Carers

Autumn Newsletter 2

Update following the positive Covid-19 test in class Kenya

Last week we closed Class Kenya due to a member of staff receiving a positive Covid-19 test. We want to reassure you that we have had no other positive tests last week, despite numerous staff and pupils getting tested.

This Wednesday, children in class Kenya can return to school.

All the things we have put into place have reduced the risk of potential cases spreading including

- Regular hand washing
- More frequent cleaning throughout the day
- Teachers wearing face masks outside of their bubbles
- Children not mixing with other bubbles
- Parents wearing face-coverings and socially distancing
- Children seating in rows
- Staggered lunch times and playtimes

Thank you to all the parents who are working with us to keep you and your children safe when you come onto site.

The main symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- **a high temperature** – this means they feel hot to touch on your chest or back (37.8° or higher)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHILDREN INTO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS

If your child has any of the Covid-19 symptoms:

1. Book a test as soon as possible – ring 119 or via <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name> .
2. Your whole household must stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Please do not bring children back to school for two weeks or until they have negative test.



Attendance

If children do not have any of Covid-19 symptoms and no one in the family does either, children should attend school. Evidence shows that children's social development is seriously damaged by not being in school. We are trying really hard to help children catch up after missing 6 months of learning in school. If they miss any more school, when they don't need to, this is going to have a negative effect on them in the longer term. We are monitoring the attendance of pupils who should be in school.

Dinners

This week we are trialling all children accessing the full menu and eating in the hall. We will review this and keep you updated.

Drop off and pick up

Thank you for working with us at drop off and pick up times. Some parents have raised concerns that some parents are not wearing face coverings or keeping 2m apart. We politely ask that you do adhere to our request to do so. This keeps you, your children, us and the wider community safe.

The Northallerton gate is open to all pupils for morning drop off. Year 5 and 6 can meet parents there at the end of the day. Parents can leave the site through Northallerton gate at the end of the day but cannot come into the school site through this gate.

PE

A reminder that the following classes have PE as the first lesson on these days and on these days only the children in this class can come to school in their PE kit but must bring their uniform to change into. There is only one class using the cloak room for changing (per day) and it is cleaned thoroughly after use.

Monday – Bangladesh

Tuesday – Japan

Wednesday – Mexico

Thursday - Jamaica

Friday – Peru

Parent Communication

It is essential that we have your up to date mobile number and that you are contactable every day, so that if your child becomes ill during the day, we can ring you and you come quickly to collect them. Please ring the office on 01274 648490 if your number has changed.

We are now sending all parent letters via email. Please contact the office to provide your email address if you have not received this letter via email.

Thank you for continuing to support the school with the new changes.

Yours faithfully

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