



Dear Parent/Carer

3.9.20

## UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Now that we have been open for just over a week we are able to see how our arrangements are working. We wish to thank you all for your support and kind words as we navigate a completely different way of operating. It is not how any of us want it to be but we have to follow the Public Health and DE recommendations to keep everyone on site as safe as possible.

We have updated the following information to help us further improve operational details in school.

We have devised a "Parents guide to illness" to try to help you navigate what to do if your child is ill or displaying some or all possible symptoms of COVID-19. Please remember we are not medical experts and cannot give guidance it is up to you to ring your GP/PHA before you send your child(ren) to school. Please keep this in a safe place at home. If you ring school, we will direct you to read the guide first. It will be on the school website if you need another copy.

In addition:

1. Please get your children to school before 8.55am.
2. Make sure you send a coat with all children.
3. Ensure your child knows how they are getting home after school. We are no longer able to pass messages on to classes due to the high number we are receiving. It interrupts class time and at times means we have to enter a protective bubble when it isn't necessary. This does not apply to genuine emergencies.
4. Please DO NOT arrange appointments for your child during the school day. We do understand that some hospital appointments cannot be rescheduled. In this case send a note to the class teacher via the class email/SEESAW as soon as you get it with a copy of the appointment letter. We cannot authorise absence during the school day without evidence. In addition, if your child leaves for an agreed appointment they will not be able to return.
5. Reminder that lunchboxes/water bottles are allowed. We see some pupils carrying their items in a plastic bag. We would prefer NO PLASTIC BAGS as it is classed as an additional item moving from home – school – home.
6. Please read "Parents guide to illness and absence" – keep it safe. We request that you do not ring teachers with illness/absence queries – the school office is dealing with this.
7. If your child is off for **ANY** reason – you **MUST** ring the school.
8. Children will be taking part in a number of assessments in school. This is absolutely nothing for them to worry about. It will enable us to plan for their needs. We are reassuring them and ask that you do the same.

Finally, we implore you to read all notes sent home. The school office is so busy and we have had so many telephone calls from parents who have not read information. If you call the office, we will direct you to do this in the first instance. Remember, teamwork will get us all through this.

Thanks

Mrs Watson, Principal