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Learning for Life!



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So far, so good!

The first full week back for all has gone very well. The children appear to have settled into the new routines and arrangements with little fuss and the school day is operating very smoothly. It has been lovely to have foundation stage children in this week too. Thank you to everybody for keeping to the timetable as best you can and for maintaining social distance on the school site. Can adults please try to stop children from using the outdoor gym equipment and trim-trail at the start and the end of each day as it is used on a rota basis by the classes and with strict handwashing and therefore other people shouldn't be using it; thank you for your cooperation.

Symptomatic Children and Staff

As was expected across the city, lots of children and staff have started to pick up common cold symptoms, some of which are similar to those associated with coronavirus. Therefore, they are doing absolutely the right thing by isolating themselves **and their household members** and going for tests before returning to school or work. This does not mean that they have coronavirus, and should not cause any undue panic. It is an unfortunate necessity of the times we now find ourselves in and will continue to be the case for a while to come across the city. **Please note, only family members with symptoms need take a test.**

The school admin team will not disclose any details to anybody calling the school office enquiring about children's absence other than their own. The reasons for absence are confidential and will be kept that way. Should anybody test positive, we will work with the public health team and inform identified contacts who need to isolate as quickly as possible. This has not yet happened at our school. Regarding testing, it has been brought to my attention that booking tests online at present is problematic, however, public health Sheffield have assured me that anybody turning up with symptoms at test centres in Sharrow and Darnall will not be turned away. Updated advice on symptoms can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

New Government Guidelines – The Rule of 6

A few people have enquired about the Prime Minister's new announcement this week regarding social gatherings inside and outside being limited to just six people from Monday and how this will impact school; the simple answer is that it won't. **Schools are exempt from this new ruling** and we will continue to operate as we have been doing since the start of September. Should any circumstance arise that does require a wholesale change to how we operate, rest assured, I will inform you as soon as is practicably possible.

Reading Books

Last year every child was given a home school reading record and we hope to continue to use these reading records again this year. If your child has a reading record or school reading book at home, please could you return them as soon as possible? Replacement reading records and wallets have been ordered; however, please try to find your original first.

In Reception, children will have their books changed weekly, but your teacher will let you know when this has happened as children read on different days - all books will be quarantined before being reissued in general circulation.

In Year 1 and Year 2, it is important that all books are returned by Friday to allow them to be quarantined over the weekend as the number of books are limited.

Prizes will be awarded for reading at home; each class will have their own reward system. Your child will receive a new reading book each Monday appropriate to their Phonics and colour book band level. Children will still have the opportunity to visit the school library each week and your child's class teacher will inform you of this day, this will also be when KS2 children can change their reading books if necessary. Again, any books returned to school will be quarantined for a period of time before going back on the shelves for other children to borrow.

Best Wishes,
Mr John Sitch
Headteacher