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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID Update: 8th March Return

As you would have heard at yesterday's evening press conference, the government has decided that all children will be returning to school on Monday 8th March. Please complete the Google Form at your earliest convenience so that we are aware of any concerns that you or your child may have. Furthermore, please remember that attendance will be compulsory from Monday 8th March.

I thought it prudent to remind all families of our safety procedures and ask that you please continue to support all of these. We need to keep everyone safe and in following these, I hope that all classes will be able to remain open.

Symptoms of Covid-19

Any child or adult displaying symptoms of coronavirus is not permitted to enter the premises.

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough;
- a high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If anyone has any of the symptoms above they, and household members, should self-isolate at home and request a test.

Testing positive for COVID-19

In the event of a child or staff member testing positive for COVID-19, the school will take swift action and liaise with the Department for Education and Public Health South West, and their guidance will be followed.

Please can parents/carers immediately report a positive COVID-19 test result for a family member or close contact, to the school. Again, advice surrounding this will be sought from Public Health South West.

Lateral Flow Tests

All members of staff are currently testing twice a week for asymptomatic cases and we expect this to continue.

Attendance

All children are expected to attend school each day, unless they have an authorised reason for absence.



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Reporting absence

It is the parent/carers' responsibility to phone the school on 01761 470622 by **9.00am** on the day to report pupil absence. **It is very important that the reason for absence is shared.**

Chromebooks

Please return the Chromebook, charger and any carry case to the office on Monday morning, 8th March. Please ensure that the chromebook is **fully charged** as we will need to use them that day.

Drop off and collection arrangements

Whilst lining up at drop off and collection times, could I please ask you as parents and carers to wear a face covering.

Please could I also ask that everyone continues to support the following:

- children are only to be dropped off by one member of their household;
- when approaching the school, and when waiting, families must ensure that they observe the 2 metre distancing rule;
- parents/carers must not gather in groups at the school entrances and are requested to leave promptly at drop off and collection;
- parents/carers must arrive at the allotted collection times to ensure there are not excess people waiting who have arrived too early;
- parents and children should always file through the one way system.

Drop off and collection times

Class	Arrival	Departure
Owl	8:30	15:00
Hedgehog	8:35	15:05
Fox	8:40	15:10
Badger	8:45	15:15
Otter	8:50	15:20
Deer	8:55	15:25

Remote Learning

In the event that your child is required to self-isolate, class teachers will ensure that work is uploaded to their Google Classroom.

Contact details

Please ensure that the school office has your up to date contact details – phone number, email address and home address. If these have changed, please email the school with the subject title *Pupil contact details*.

Communication

Due to limited face to face communication, please can all queries and concerns be emailed to the school in



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Doors and ventilation

To increase ventilation within the school, windows will be open to increase ventilation in all spaces. **Due to this, it is advised that all children wear additional layers.**

Face masks

Only two people are allowed in the school's reception area at any time. Please ensure that you wear a face covering when entering the school building. **Coming into school reception should be a last resort.**

Hand washing

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important ways of preventing the spread of Covid-19. Children and adults will be expected to wash their hands or use sanitiser on entry to school in the morning and at other regular points during the day – break times and lunchtimes for example.

Extra-curricular activities and Breakfast Club

Further information will be provided as soon as possible.

Risk Assessment

We are currently in the process of updating our risk assessment to reflect the most recent guidance from the Department for Education. This will be available to you on our website as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

Best wishes

Gareth Griffith
Headteacher



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