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Dear Parents/Carers,

Hope you had a good weekend and were able to make the most of this lovely late summer sunshine.

Firstly, thank you for your patience with changes that have needed to have been implemented to ensure the continued safety of the pupils.

As this worked well last week, we are now all agreed that parents/carers will wait on the playground next to the car park to receive their children, who will be dismissed from their bubbles and handed over by their teachers, at the end of the day. Each parent/carer will continue to have a ten-minute slot in which to drop-off and collect but should not arrive before their allocated time.

Under normal circumstances, at the start of the Autumn Term, children come together at school and catch colds. This year, immune systems may well have been affected by the fact that they have spent so much time apart, both over the summer and, for many, since March. Please do not send your child in to school if they are poorly.

If you suspect that your child or anyone in your household has at least one of the symptoms of Covid-19, you must follow government guidance, self-isolate and get tested. If your child shows any of these symptoms in school, we will contact you by telephone. They will need to be picked up with their siblings (or any other members of their household) as soon as possible and only return to school following a negative result. I have attached a quick reference guide for your information. Further links can be found in our Risk Assessment on the school website under 'Policies'. I will inform you by letter if there is a positive case of COVID-19 in your child's learning bubble or close contact group. The identity of any child or household member who has tested positive will not be disclosed by school.

Work will be provided by class teachers to support children who are well but having to isolate. This will be shared via email, Seesaw and/or the school home learning pages on the website. In the event of temporary school closure or local lockdown, our contingency plans are in place to enable pupils to continue to access their learning online. For this purpose, it is necessary for us to gain consent from parents/carers to allow their children to engage in our learning platforms and agree to comply with our Remote Learning and Acceptable Use

Policies. Links to these policies and a permissions form, to be electronically signed and returned to school, via email, will be sent out this week.

Mrs Daciuk welcomed Breakfast Club back into school this morning – Mrs Meehan will be taking over on Tuesdays. Monday sessions are now full but a few places remain for the rest of the week. We are keen to offer after-school care as soon as possible and expect to be able to provide some news on this by the end of the week.

We would welcome any games that you no longer use, but are in good condition, into school. Each bubble has its own equipment and these would be extremely useful for wet playtimes and after-school care.

To support Ms Richardson, our school cook, please could parents/carers of children requiring a packed lunch from our kitchen, let us know by the Friday of the previous week. These need to be booked in advance so that sufficient supplies can be purchased.

Following feedback from parents and staff, we are delighted to let you know that we will shortly be introducing a new cashless system called ParentPay, which will replace sQuid. Parentpay will allow you to pay for school dinners, trips and select and pay for breakfast and after-school clubs in one easy to use app. Mrs Pitchford has used it before both as a parent and at previous schools where she has worked; the office staff will be working to ensure that the transition is as seamless as possible for parents and carers. Parents of children who are not eligible for free school meals should continue to use sQuid in the meantime, and do check your child's dinner balance to ensure you are not in debit. We look forward to sending you more information very shortly.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We all really appreciate the positive contributions you are making to ensure that the start of this term runs as smoothly as possible under some difficult circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Sian Stephenson

(Headteacher)