

Dear Parents

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school tomorrow. I know there will be many anxieties amongst our school communities, but please rest assured as a staff we have further looked at our risk assessments and practices in order to try and minimise the spread of the virus within school. Since returning to school in September across all our three schools we have had only two positive cases, from which no other cases were reported within school.

You will have seen in the news that there has been much pressure on teachers over the weekend from the media and unions. Our staff unanimously are keen to return to school to ensure our children receive face to face education for as long as possible. If there are any changes at a national level, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Just a few quick updates and reminders to share with you in light of increasing numbers:

#### **Protective Measures in School**

- As a precaution and to protect all our community teachers and support staff have been given the option to wear visors in class, you may want to explain this to children.
- At Foston and Terrington we have split the children into class bubbles and reduced contact between these bubbles.
- Stillington, due to small numbers, will remain one bubble but with contact between the bubbles only taking place outside and socially distanced in the hall.
- Can we please remind parents at Foston & Terrington to arrive promptly at the drop off pick up time and wait in their cars until staff / children come out.
- Can parents also please leave the site immediately to avoid unnecessary contact between adults.
- We also continue to ask parents to wear masks at pick up and drop off as per instructions received from the local authority.

#### **Clubs**

- Clubs will continue to be for parents who have work commitments away from home in these hours only, until further notice. Please can we ask that you only book clubs if absolutely necessary.
- Where possible we would like to minimise the number of staff in school and the length of time on the school site so could you please let us know what days you will require club each week so we can plan accordingly, by emailing the school office.
- After school staff have been asked to wear masks and visors as children from across bubbles will be in club together.

In order to be prepared for any potential closure we will be sending out a key worker questionnaire to you for completion so we can be ready for any eventuality that is thrown at us in the future!

**Since this email was written it has been announced that the Prime Minister will hold a news conference at 8pm this evening. We will endeavour to inform you of any changes as soon as possible after they have been announced.**

We hope to see you all tomorrow...

Kind Regards

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