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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all the messages of support we have had sent into school during this challenging first week back. I am incredibly proud of how the whole staff has, once again, worked tirelessly to ensure that we have been able to offer as much support for our children and families, whether that be at home or in school, at very short notice. It is a worrying time for us all and we know that you will support us in our efforts in keeping our school community safe.

Bubbles

The children who are accessing some time in school will be kept in their individual class bubbles with their familiar class staff. We have significantly reduced the number of children in each class each day to attempt to reduce the potential risk of transmission. This is very individual to each class's circumstances and may be different to other class groups. The class bubble will not be mixing within school with any other class. For this reason, if staffing levels drop in that class, e.g. due to sickness, below a level that is safe to support the group in school, then we will have to close that bubble and ask the children not to attend school at this time. We cannot use staff from other class groups to support during this time.

Illness

We know that Covid-19 isn't the only illness we need to prevent the spread of, especially at this time of year. **If your child is unwell you must keep them at home.** They cannot attend school if you have given them paracetamol, such as Calpol, unless already agreed on their individual care plan. I will send the Public Health Agency "Guidance on Infection Control" that all schools refer to when advising parents of how long their child has to remain away from school for your reference. We know that now more than ever you will understand if you are asked to collect your child from school if they are unwell and that this is not open to negotiation. We cannot risk any illness being spread in class bubbles that may result in them having to close.

School Drop off and Collection

Hopefully transport has now been allocated to all children who require it for the days that they are in school. This is likely to be at slightly staggered times to enable them to safely transport the required number of children to school.

If you are transporting your child to and from school, can we remind parents to remain in their vehicles, or at a distance from the doors if walking, when they arrive on site and to call school to let us know that you have arrived. This is to avoid congestion around the main entrance and to allow staff to safely enter and exit the building with children. In the mornings especially, some children may also become distressed if having to wait whilst staff come from their rooms to collect them. Can all parents please wear face coverings, unless exempt.

Drop off time is between 9.00 and 9.15 and collection between 2.45 and 3.00, unless you have an alternative arrangement in place. We know that it is not always possible, but please can you try to stick to



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these times as closely as possible. Having a full day in school is important to help us establish vital routines and to support your child's learning and development. This is even more important due to the reduced time in school.

Remote Learning

Class teachers will be in contact with you about arrangements for remote learning when the children are not in school. Please do not worry if you are struggling to do this. We want to support you as much as we can during this difficult time.

We have some Vodafone Sim cards in school that are valid for 90 days for mobile broadband if any families need them to support home learning. Please contact your class teacher if you would benefit from use of a Sim card to help your child access remote learning.

In addition to this, we are able to apply for home data to ensure your child can work remotely through your or their mobile device.

Who can get help?

This scheme is open to children and young people who:

- don't have access to a [fixed broadband connection](#)
- cannot afford the additional data needed to access educational resources or social care services
- have access to a mobile device that uses a participating network
- are facing disruption to their face-to-face education, or have been advised not to attend school

Which networks are offering this?

- Three
- Smarty
- Virgin Mobile
- EE
- Tesco Mobile
- Sky Mobile

What information do we need to collect?

To request extra mobile data, you will need to provide us with the following information:

- the account holder's name
- their mobile number (a number beginning with '07')
- their mobile network
- whether they pay monthly or pay as they go

Free School Meals

We are looking into the best method of supporting families who are entitled to free school meals. This will either be a weekly food hamper or weekly voucher when your child is not in school. More information will follow ASAP.



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Please keep in touch if you need any support at all. Thank you again for your patience, understanding and support, it really is appreciated.

Take care,

