

Dear Parents/Carers of Reception, Year 1, keyworker children, children with EHCPs and those that are classed as vulnerable.

To those of you that have chosen to send your child/ren back to school next week, we are really pleased and look forward to seeing them.

We felt that we needed to reiterate a few things with you. The school has put in place extensive measures and risk assessments to ensure that the school site, classrooms, staffing and groupings of children are planned and managed with very intricate care and detail to ensure that the risk of the virus spreading is as low as it can be. Therefore, we need to ensure that parents are clear about their role and responsibilities in regards to this to ensure they are following strict government guidance on social distancing and following the guidance very strictly.

We cannot risk children entering the school site who pose a risk to other children, staff, other parents and the community. If we are aware of any breaches in following of the guidance, the child/ren's offer of place will be removed and they will not be able to attend for 14 days.

The infection rates of the virus still remain high in the general community and we cannot allow it to spread between children and people within our setting. This is a huge responsibility for our staff and they are doing all that they can to try to ensure this doesn't happen. We are able to have some control of what happens in school and staff are able to monitor the behaviours and actions of the children and themselves whilst in school, however we are putting our trust in you and your families to ensure that the children are not potentially carrying the virus and therefore exposing other children and staff to it.

We need all families to adhere to the current government guidance and remember the relaxation steps are small and lockdown is not over.

- Both children and adults not visiting other households and/or other visitors coming in to your household, unless outside and socially distancing or you are part of a support bubble for an adult who lives alone or with dependent children only. This means no friends / family members (who do not live in your house) caring for your child/ren at home or at their house unless they are registered childminders. However, if they were childminders, they would need to be able to provide us with a risk assessment and this would need to be agreed.
- No close contact with other people who don't live in your household (unless part of a support bubble as mentioned above).
- Children are only allowed to attend one setting and not travel between the school and another site.

- Children should not play closely with other children who do not live in their household outside of school.
- If any family member shows symptoms, they must isolate for 7 days and have a test.
- All other family members must isolate for 14 days as well.
- If the test is positive the whole bubble and staff must isolate.

Please let us know if you have not been carrying out these measures and then we will accept the child/ren back in school after the quarantine period of 14 days is complete, please ensure you let the office know.

We have attached the latest guidance. Please ensure you read it carefully and ensure our pupils and staff remain safe.

Kind regards,

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Mrs Milford

Headteacher