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Monday 22nd November 2021

Dear Parent's & Carers,

CoVid 19 Update

following our communication on Friday the number of pupils with CoVid have increased over the weekend and now we also have pupils (siblings from other classes) in Ash Class who have tested positive.

I have been liaising with Public Health England to ensure that the procedures in place are robust and they noted that they have no concerns and that all things that we can be doing are being done. This picture is similar to many other schools in Nottinghamshire.

We will continue with the stepped up measures to minimise risk of transmission and in addition reintroduce the one way system for drop off & pick up to reduce congestion (although transmission risk outside is very much more remote).

The procedures for pick up and drop off effective from tomorrow Tuesday 23rd November follow:

Parents' drop-off and pick-up protocols to minimise adult to adult contact

Drop Off

Children should only be accompanied by 1 parent (grandparent) to school – & ensure children do not mix with children from other classes. If you need to drive to school please park in the Horse & Groom car park. Walk up to school as usual (please open gate adjacent to Sherwood House using elbow). Please physically distance from other parents/children & from staff when walking to & from school and at drop off. You will say good bye to your child. Your child will then go to the class teacher who will be waiting at their entrance (Infant Entrance / Junior Entrance) – they will then go to hang up their things and wash their hands.

Parents then to **exit school grounds via school car park (one way loop)**. If you have anything for the school office it can be deposited in the black post box adjacent to car park gate (including dinner money in sealed & labelled envelope – it will be

emptied at the end of drop off & at the end of pick up). Parents are not to go to school office but to contact office by phone. Parents are not to go into the school unless absolutely necessary & then only by prior appointment.

Pick Up

If you need to drive to school please park in the Horse & Groom car park. Parents then to **enter school grounds via school car park i.e. walk up Quarry Lane** (one way loop) & cross the playground. You will meet your child on the playground or outside the infant entrance (your child will be waiting with their class teacher) – **PLEASE WAVE WHEN YOU CAN SEE YOUR CHILD** – this will assist the teacher. Your child will then go with you – leaving the grounds via the little gate and down the path.

Please do not stay to talk to the teacher/adults at drop off or pick up. Any necessary communications will be done via email or phone.

Many children who have CoVid have very mild symptoms or are asymptomatic. If your child is having to stay at home due to having CoVid but is well enough to work they can **access remote learning via Microsoft Teams** (as was the case in the recent lockdown). Attached is guidance for use of Microsoft Teams. Please contact the class email or school office if you or your child have any difficulty or needs any support to access remote learning or has lost their password. We have been supporting pupils/parents in the reception class with this as it may be new to them and will continue to do so.

Finally, please also be aware that I have tested positive for CoVid and will be working remotely, until Wednesday 1st December, but am available (as the symptoms are extremely mild at present).

I am so sorry for the ongoing complications of the pandemic but rest assured that the team are working their very hardest and are dedicated to serving our wonderful school community.

Very best regards,

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