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We love, value and respect each other.

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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to have all of our pupils back in school again. It has been great to watch them playing with their friends and enjoying their teaching and learning in classrooms once again. The staff are amazed at the attitudes of the children and their determination to work hard and embrace all that school has to offer. I hope that you find the information below helpful. I am sure that you can appreciate how hard we are all working to ensure that all of our children and staff remain safe and well.

Sore hands

As a result of renewed and increased hand washing, a number of our children have developed very sore and red hands. The staff are closely observing them to ensure that they fully dry their hands. It may be that the children need to have hand cream applied by parents at the end of the day. A product such as Aveeno is recommended. If you feel that your child needs more regular application of cream, then please can we ask that you send a named bottle of hand cream into school that the children will be able to apply under their teacher's supervision? Thank you for your support with this matter.

One-way system around school

Thank you for your help in adhering to the one-way system which was put in place for the children returning to school. Please remember that parents dropping off their children at the Key Stage Two door, where Y3, Y4 and Y5 pupils enter school can turn back and walk out of the top gate onto Pit Lane. However, we ask that you do this maintaining the social distance. Other year groups will need to walk the full circuit of the school. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Symptoms

The guidance that we are given currently remains the same as it has previously; there are no new updates. If your child has either a cough, a temperature or is showing signs of anosmia, then we will ask you to collect your child immediately and request a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. Therefore, if your child has a temperature, then they should only return to school 48 hours after they have had no temperature and have received a negative test result.

We appreciate that parents need to work and as a school we are keen to keep children in school. However, we must always put the health and safety of all of our children and the school staff first. We do not want to have to close bubbles and resort to home learning again, as a result of an outbreak. We value your support and patience with this.

School collection

Within school we are going to great lengths to ensure that our children only mix with children in their bubbles. So once again, we ask for your support in ensuring that at the end of the day that you leave



school and the surrounding area immediately and without encouraging the children to play in areas such as the grass in front of the old presbytery. I am sure that you can appreciate that this is not acceptable in the current climate. Once again, we ask for your support with this.

Reporting to parents

The teachers have been looking through the work that the children completed during lockdown. There have been some impressive submissions. The staff are also assessing the children in class, through the use of observations and some formal assessments. We will be sharing an end of term report with parents which shares with parents what they have covered in the curriculum. These will be handed to families on Friday 26th March. During Wednesday March 29th, the teachers will contact you to discuss your child further and how they have settled back into the usual school routine. We look forward to having these discussions with you.

Support for St Vincent de Paul's Foodbank

As part of our Lenten acts, we would like to invite you to support this very worthy cause. The SVP help many people locally and has also been consistently supportive to our school over the years. The charity has a foodbank which needs tins of tuna, mince, steak, chicken and corned beef. We will be collecting these tins at the entrances to school during Wednesday 29th March, if you wish to make a donation.

Once again I would like to thank you for your help and support during this current situation. Having the children return to school, the lighter nights and mornings and the roll out of the vaccine has instilled within us an air of optimism. With this in mind I would like to share with you the following prayer which I hope will support us all as we continue our journey together.

Loving God,

Help us to focus on what we have, not on what is removed or changed.

Strengthen us, when we feel discouraged or overwhelmed.

Embrace us, so that we know your loving presence within us and among us.

Walk with us as we bring your love, and carry your light, into our world.

Amen.

Sandra Lucas, MDiv., BCC

With all good wishes to you and your families,
Yours sincerely,

Mrs CM Craig
Headteacher

