14th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all our wonderful parents for your ongoing support. It has been great to see so many of you in the playground. The children have been very calm and hard working on their return to school. They are a credit to you! I know that things are very difficult at the moment and I applaud your patience in helping us with our systems. I am also aware that there has been a lot of information shared with you.

I wanted to reassure our parents that we have a had full deep clean of the school. All classrooms are cleaned thoroughly every day. There is cleaning equipment in every classroom for in between cleaning. We finish half day on a Friday to clean the school again. The children’s health is our priority. You can help us by ensuring your child has their water bottle every day.

Please can I encourage you to download the school app to your phone. This will keep you updated with anything we post on our website. This means you will have immediate information.

I do hope that your child has enjoyed seeing their friends. We are trying to ensure that children have plenty of time to talk in class. I have had lots of offers of help from parents. This just shows we have great team work.

Please be aware that we are delivering a recovery curriculum. We are focusing on children talking about their feelings and being safe. Reading and maths are also our focus.

From this week we are starting our breakfast and after school clubs. We will once again need to protect the integrity of our bubbles and do not know how much interest we will generate but we will be giving it a go.

**Attendance and illness**

We are answering lots of phone calls about whether children should be attending school. Some were seeking advice as their children had symptoms associated with covid-19 and some asking for reassurance about cases they were hearing about. We totally understand the confusion and nervousness about how to act when confronted with illness but ask you to make decisions and inform us when it relates to your child being unwell, leaving a message on our attendance line. A continuous new cough and/or a temperature of 37.8 or above, a loss of smell and/or taste, will be enough for you to inform us that you are keeping your child away from school and are going to arrange a test. We can’t stress the importance of getting your child tested and informing us of the outcome.
School will contact you once you have informed us and will then support accordingly. I would like to reassure you that you will be informed should there be a positive case in our school. I am fully aware there are issues in accessing tests. We will have normal colds and coughs as we move into winter. In the event of closing one of our bubbles we will inform you immediately. Please make sure your contact details with school is up to date. We rely on having accurate telephone numbers and email addresses.

Thank you for all your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D.Fance
Headteacher