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Heading Towards a New Normal: Thank you to all of the parents and carers that responded to the SurveyMonkey asking for your opinions on returning to a whole school community rather than COVID bubbles. We were really impressed that so many of you responded and were overwhelmed with the number of supportive and positive comments that you wrote. The survey showed that three-quarters of parents were in favour of returning to a whole school community on the condition that hygiene measures were retained and only a small minority would prefer to stay in bubbled groups. In line with the Prime Minister's announcement this week that restrictions would be lifted by 27th January, we have made the decision to return to a whole school community. We will do this gradually by allowing Face-to-Face parents' meetings next week (see separate letter) and by reintroducing outdoor playtimes and lunchtimes together from next week and then review our risk assessment again with a view to returning to all whole school activities towards February half term.

Time to Talk Meetings

A letter will have been sent home regarding our Time to Talk meeting that will be held face-to-face on Wednesday 26th January. Phase 1 Air will be held on Tuesday 1st February.

Important Dates

Half Term — February 21st

World Book Day — March 3rd

INSET — February 28th

Red Nose Day — March 18th

Uniform

Could we remind parents/carers to make sure that your child has the correct uniform and they will need winter clothing in school. Due to COVID risk assessments, windows and doors are kept open throughout the school to allow ventilation. Jumpers and cardigans will be needed along with coats, hats and gloves for outside. Please make sure you name ALL clothing as we have a lot of unnamed belongings in school.

COVID REMINDER - The 7 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has now been reduced to 5 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Pupils who have tested positive may now take LFD tests on day 5 and day 6 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 7 full days of self-isolation.

Any child that presents COVID symptoms at school will need to do a LFD test.

DEBTS

Please check your Parent Pay to make sure you are not in arrears for school meals. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide school meals to any account in debt.

LATES

Children entering class after the registers have closed are marked as late, which will affect their attendance record. A penalty notice can be issued by the local authority for persistent late arrival at school after the registers have closed on at least 10 occasions within a 10 week period. We are noticing a number of students arriving late to school. If your child is persistently late you will receive a warning letter.

UNSAFE PARKING!

We are growing increasingly worried about the safety of our students during drop off and pick up time. We must insist the you do **NOT** park on the yellow lines, the zigzags or outside of the school. We have given parents the opportunity of using Aldi's car park as a safer option and have informed our PCSOs who will be patrolling when they can. But we are now going to inform the police with car registration details because we are genuinely concerned for the safety of everyone coming to school. Please make sure that you bring your children to the gates so that adults know they are being safely dropped off; unless they have permission to come to school on their own (Y5 and Y6 only). Thank you for your co-operation.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Phase 1 Air Praise for reading lots at home

Phase 1 Earth William for hard work and a great attitude to learning.

Phase 1 Water Ecatarina for being a self-disciplined and self motivated learner in our classroom. Super effort!

Phase 2 Air Rebecca for a consistent and dedicated approach to her phonics learning

Phase 2 Earth David for trying to hard with his swimming

Phase 2 Water Minhazul for showing a mature and positive attitude to his work

Phase 3 Earth Isabelly for great attention to detail in her science investigations

