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Newsletter 8

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable half term and that the children are well rested in preparation for the beginning of term. Whilst Saturday's news of a second national lockdown will have a profound impact on our lives once again, it is a huge positive that children are still going to have full access to education in school.

We have had relatively few cases of the virus within the school community, however with the number of cases rising locally it is vital that we redouble our efforts with the aim of keeping the whole school community safe and well and continuing the continuity of the children's education. At the time of writing, government guidance for primary schools has not changed so we will continue to follow our existing protocols. I want to take the opportunity to reiterate the important measures that we would like you to take:

- Children and adults must **not** come to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms and must follow [guidance for household with a possible COVID-19 infection](#).
- Please inform the school of any test results **before** your child returns to school. If a child or adult has tested positive for COVID-19, they must **not** come to school.
- Children and adults must **not** come to school if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Children and adults must **not** come to school if you are quarantining having returned from abroad.

Practical reminders for the start of term:

- **All children** need a named water bottle.
- We will continue to try to get outside for playtime in almost all weathers: **all children** need a waterproof coat at school every day and footwear appropriate for playing on the field.
- Parents and carers of children in **Classes 1, 2 and 3**, please continue to use the one-way system at the beginning and end of the school day: enter via the field gate and leave via the gate by the office. We will not open the field gate if the weather is very wet, icy etc.
- Please maintain social distancing when on the school site.

- We will continue to keep windows open to allow ventilation in the classrooms; with the heating on, the classrooms tend to be very warm, however children may wish to wear an additional layer and teachers will permit this in lessons.
- We are trying to keep the number of adults on site to a minimum: all meetings will take place remotely.

Throughout the past seven months, the efforts of the staff, pupils and parents have been monumentally impressive. At this point, I must once again thank you **all** for your continued cooperation and support. Despite the fact that these are very unsettling times for all of us – including the children – I am confident that with a positive attitude from the whole school community we can ensure that this is another exciting and productive term for the children.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Veness', written in a cursive style.

Mr. J. Veness