

19/06/2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Term 6 Update – letter 18**

There was a significant amount of information in last week's letter (letter 17) regarding the current organisation and processes taking place in school and I would direct you to this letter if you have any question or queries about how the school is currently working with 'Bubbles'.

I had previously indicated that we would be sending out a short parent questionnaire this week and this has been sent to ParentMail. Class teachers and class leads should have sent you an email explaining how to access ParentMail if you have not done so before. The questionnaire is very short but it is important that we get as many responses as possible to allow us to plan for the end of term.

We would like to get as many pupils back to school in the last two weeks of term, even for a day. We understand that some pupils will find this quite difficult and there is absolutely no pressure for them to come into school if you would rather keep them at home. I must reiterate that we may not be able to offer every pupil time in school and we will not be offering placements to students who fall within any of the vulnerable categories.

I have attached below a copy of our 'Suspected COVID Symptoms' letter. I know that receiving such a letter will potentially cause some anxiety, but it is important to alert you should there be a possible case of COVID 19 in school. If you receive the letter, we would ask that you maintain your vigilance and look out for any signs or symptoms such as a high temperature. If your child is sent home due to displaying any of the COVID symptoms we will ask you to monitor their condition, and if possible, get a COVID test completed. If your child is unable to have the test completed, we may ask you to keep your child isolated at home.

**Transport** – you may be aware of the new legislation requiring anyone using public transport to wear a mask. All of our transport providers (drivers and assistants) are required to wear PPE, including masks, when travelling with any of our pupils. If they are not, you should challenge this and report it. There is no expectation that any of our pupils should wear masks or any other form of PPE on transport unless they want to.

As we come to the end of another strange week, I want to thank you for your continued support, and also thank all the staff in and out of school for the excellent work that they are continuing to do during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,



Scott Jarred – Headteacher

Example

Suspected COVID Symptoms

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware that we are now working within bubbles in school in order to minimise the potential spread of the COVID virus and the impact on the wider school population.

This letter is to inform you that a child or member of staff in your child's bubble has displayed symptoms of COVID 19 and is currently being tested or will be self-isolating for 7 days, in line with current Government guidelines.

If the results from this test comes back positive we will inform you of this and the bubble will be closed for 14 days from when symptoms first appeared in the individual.

The Bubble will remain open until we have confirmation of a test result, and it will be your choice as to whether you send your child to school. Please remain vigilant of the symptoms;

- High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- New, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please contact us directly in school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Scott Jarred  
Headteacher