



**Where Pupils Achieve and Excel**  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of questions and concerns raised by a few parents. Hopefully this letter will address the points raised and provide clarification for everyone.

**COVID – Test and Trace**

We are monitoring all positive cases of COVID and in line with guidance, NHS track and trace will be in touch with any close contacts. If we have more than 3 cases in 1 class then we will be touch with families of that class to advise them to get PCR tests. The local authority guidance is 5 cases. We are being extra cautious and this seems to be paying off and this is very much down to your support.

Whilst your child is off school we will contact you for a safe and well check to ensure everything is ok and to offer additional support if required.

**When your child is ill**

If your child is ill whilst in school, the procedure is that they speak to a teacher and the Head of Year who will then authorise a member of the office team to contact you to collect them. We have had a number of instances where pupils are contacting parents/grandparents directly to be collected from school. We have then had people turn up to collect children.

As you can imagine this presents huge safeguarding concerns as when we contact you we know that we are contacting adults with parental responsibility or who are named contacts. With all due respect it could be anyone turning up to collect a child and should we let them go we could be putting them in danger.

Please can you discuss the danger of this with your child and ensure that if they do feel unwell go to a teacher and you will be contacted to collect them.

We have a mobile phone use policy in school – this can be found on our website and again this may be something you wish to revisit with your child. Mobile phones should not be used at all in school and if found to be doing so phones will be confiscated and kept safe until you are able to collect them.

**Anti-Bullying**

As a school, we do take bullying seriously but unfortunately, as in all schools, incidences do occur. On our website home-page we have a button – ‘**report bullying here**’. By clicking that you will be asked to complete a short form which, once submitted, comes directly to myself. I will then be able to investigate the matter further and let you know the outcome.

I appreciate that hearing your child has been involved in such incidences is upsetting and frustrating but I would urge you to contact me so that I can help. On the back of one such parent meeting, there will now be staff on duty in the gully area. Staff will be wearing high vis vests so that they are recognisable to pupils and parents and hopefully this will help to alleviate any future problems. Pupils have been informed of this in assembly this morning.

As a school we have extensive systems in place to promote anti-bullying and we will continue to listen to pupils and parents to ensure we continue to create a happy and safe environment for everyone.

### **Free Breakfast for All Pupils**

From Monday we will be able to offer all pupils a free breakfast bagel – there will also be an option for pupils who follow a gluten free diet. The breakfast will be a ‘grab and go’ style. Pupils will be able to collect their breakfast from 08.30 and will then take it back onto the yard to eat. This is part of the National Breakfast Programme and is available to every pupil in the school. I have mentioned this in assembly and it was extremely well-received with pupils who are looking forward to picking up a bagel on Monday.

### **Parent Forum**

I would also like to re-establish the parent forum I used to run. This was an informal meeting held every term. It was attended by a number of parents who wanted to work with the school to improve things for everyone. Some excellent suggestions came from the meetings and it gave parents a real opportunity to help shape the running of the school. The first meeting will be held in January and I will send out further details after Christmas – I very much hope that some of you will take up the invitation.

The current edition of our newsletter is also out this week and I urge you to read it as it contains lots of key dates and information but also gives you a great insight into the fantastic things your children have been up to.

As we move into the last three weeks of term we will keep you up to date with events on our social media pages and a Christmas Newsletter at the end of term.

Should you have any questions then of course please do not hesitate to contact the school

Kind regards

Mrs T Price