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"Loving to learn, learning to love"

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well and that you have had an enjoyable summer break. The staff and I are looking forward to welcoming your children, back to school and a return to something a little closer to normal. We do recognise however, that there will be challenges ahead, which require your support to adapt to unfamiliar routines and practices, but which will allow us to deliver a quality learning experience whilst keeping your families and staff safe.

Attendance

All children will be expected to attend school fully in September. If your child is absent through illness please notify the school in the normal way. If your child has the symptoms of coronavirus, (persistent cough, fever, loss of smell/taste) please do not send them to school and seek a coronavirus test immediately. If you receive a positive coronavirus test, the school must be informed immediately.

Meeting the Class teacher

Due to the current risk assessment all meetings have to be pre-booked, virtual or telephone conversations. By 'catching' a member of staff before or after school could compromise the safety of our year group 'bubbles'. If you need to talk to someone you have the following options: Phone 01733 563688 and speak to the office staff or request a call back or email the office on office@allsaints.peterborough.sch.uk

What else do I need to think about?

Here's some things to consider now that we're all back in school:

- ✓ Everyone needs their **own water bottle**. Best to put a label on it so that it's easy to identify. It should go home every day to be washed. It can, as usual, be refilled here throughout the day.
- ✓ **School uniform** will need to be washed more frequently.
- ✓ **Can my friend pick my child up?** Please bear in mind government guidance about household mixing etc. We need to help each other as much as possible but hand hygiene and social distancing is essential.
- ✓ Please let us know by 9.00am if your child is **feeling unwell** and will stay off school. Please do not be offended if we recommend that they may need to go for a test. Likewise, tell us if that's what you're doing or if you're planning on isolating as a family.

Face Coverings

The government have recently stated that

"in light of the mitigating measures education settings are taking, and the negative impact on communication, face coverings will not generally be necessary in the classroom even where social distancing is not possible. There is greater use of the system of controls for minimising risk, including through keeping in small and consistent groups or bubbles, and greater scope for physical distancing by staff within classrooms. Face coverings can have a negative impact on learning and teaching and so their use in the classroom should be avoided"

In the light of this advice face masks will not be worn by staff and children in the classroom but staff are being recommended to wear face coverings in communal areas.

Dropping off and Collecting Children Onsite

To limit congestion at the start and end of your child's school day please can children be escorted on and off the premises by **one parent/adult only**.

Procedures in school for a Pupil Displaying Symptom of Covid 19

If your child becomes unwell at school and shows symptoms of coronavirus, the school will take the following immediate actions:

- ✓ Your child will be taken to a designated self-isolation area.
- ✓ Your child will be supervised while waiting for collection
- ✓ You must come to collect your child as soon as possible.
- ✓ You must have your child tested for coronavirus.
- ✓ You will be encouraged to engage with the NHS Test and Trace programme.

If an individual in your child's class tests positive for coronavirus, the school will send the individual's close contacts home to self-isolate for 14 days.

Close contacts include:

- ✓ Direct close contacts - anyone in face-to-face contact with the individual for any length of time, within 1 metre - this includes face-to-face conversation, unprotected (skin-to skin) physical contact or being coughed/sneezed on.
- ✓ Proximity contacts - anyone in extended close contact with the individual, within 1 to 2 metres for over 15 minutes.
- ✓ Travelling in a small vehicle, e.g. a car, with the individual.

We will notify you if this is the case and ask that you pick your child up from school as soon as possible.

I hope this letter clarify our new procedures and reassures you that we are following all government guidelines. Do get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

Keep well and best wishes,

R. Hutchinson

Head teacher