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Weekly Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

First and foremost, I would like to thank you all, once again, for your continued messages of support in recent days. Whilst there is always work to be done during school holiday periods, I can honestly say that I have never known a half-term break quite like last week's!!

Our first week back in our own school has been very positive and calm. On Monday we had a lengthy staff meeting to discuss our protocols, procedures and risk assessment in detail.

An amended copy of the risk assessment has been uploaded to the school website. We will review this on a weekly basis in the initial weeks of re-opening.

The children that have been on site have been great and taken everything in their stride, adjusting well to new teachers, new classrooms and new routines. We are looking forward to welcoming more children back next Monday and Thursday. **It would be helpful to know in advance which children will be coming to school so if you haven't already confirmed, please drop me an email.**

Please find below a few additional pieces of information for parents.

Return to School and Home Learning

In the coming weeks we will have some cohorts that will be continuing with home learning on a full-time basis and some groups that are combining a return to school with home learning.

Class teachers will continue to be responsible for planning the curriculum for their current pupils until the end of term. Where applicable, they will collaborate with other staff members that may be teaching groups from their class to ensure consistency across the groups and to provide them with information to support the children as they return.

Weekly curriculum planning will continue to be uploaded to the school website for those who are not yet returning and also for home-learning on the days when children are not in school. Teachers will endeavour to make it clear to the parents of each group what has been covered in school and what could be worked on at home.



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Most teachers will be teaching in school for part of the week and therefore their interactions on Seesaw may not be as frequent. They will continue to check in with their class as often as they can.

We do appreciate that for some children returning to school in a different classroom **and** potentially with a different teacher can be a little worrying. For the first couple of days, we will focus on settling the children into new routines and getting to know each other, in much the same way as we would on transition days. On the first day back, and every morning thereafter, their new teacher will meet parents and children in the playground to say hello and to take them in to school. I will also be around to help with this introductory process.

Drop off/Collection

Please could parents ensure that they maintain safe distances at all times in and around the school premises. Please try to arrive at your allocated time to avoid meeting other groups.

If you could stand with your child in the playground, at a safe distance from other family groups, staff will call children in to school individually.

For those parents dropping off in the KS1 playground, please use the gate with the steps wherever possible. This will avoid congestion as Over the Rainbow parents drop off.

Coats, Hats and change of clothes

Please could you ensure that your child comes prepared for the changeable weather. They will need a coat as we will be outside as much as possible and we will also be using the external pathways as opposed to the corridors to move around school.

We will no longer be able to provide hats in sunny weather so please send your child with their own hat from home.

If your child is prone to the occasional toilet accident, please send a change of clothes in with their PE kit.

Grab Bag Options

If you would like your child to have a grab bag for lunch, please refer to the various options on the circulated menu and email the school office staff with their preferred choice.

Food Allergies

When preparing packed lunches for your child, we ask that you do not send anything containing nuts to school. We have a number of children who have severe allergies and therefore we do try to keep our school a 'NUT FREE ZONE'. Staff will supervise the children eating lunch to ensure that they do not share food.

Coronavirus Symptoms

The symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) are usually mild, but some people can become very unwell.

The main symptoms are:

- 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)



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- 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.

If your child or anyone within the same household has these symptoms, they must not come into school.

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Children

If your child is classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to a pre-existing medical condition and has been advised to shield, we do not expect them to return to school and they should continue their learning from home. If your child is clinically vulnerable making them more at risk, parents should seek medical advice. If a parent or someone in the same household is shielding, children should only attend school if they can understand and follow social distancing guidance. This may not be possible for very young children who should be kept at home if this is the case.

Inhalers in School

Children who use asthma inhalers will need to be able to manage their own medication, under the supervision or with the knowledge of staff. Inhalers will be kept within the classroom, in a designated container which is recognised by all staff and the children concerned. The designated member of staff will take this container to other locations in the building when children move between areas. Older children are encouraged to carry their own asthma inhalers, if appropriate.

As always, if you have any further questions, please feel free to email me on head.dunningtonprimary@york.gov.uk.

With very best wishes,



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