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Dear Parents/Carers,

Books For School

We would like to say a 'huge' thank you to everyone who took part in the sponsored read in March. This week, a delivery of Usborne books arrived worth just over £2800! As you can see in the photographs, each year group has been able to choose a range of books linked to topics taught in school and to enhance book areas in the classroom.



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Updated school guidance

As you will no doubt be aware, the Prime Minister announced that the country will move to Step 3 of the roadmap on Monday 17 May.

This week, in response to the improving national situation, there have been a few amendments to the school's guidance, most notably around the wearing of face masks.

The changes to the guidance on face masks relates mainly to procedures in secondary schools.

The government continue to recommend that face coverings should be worn by **staff and visitors** in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).

I have sought further clarification from our local public health team and can confirm that from Monday, it is not necessary to wear face coverings outside at drop off and collection times, although people can obviously choose to do this if they wish.

Schools must continue to do everything possible to minimise contacts and mixing between people to reduces transmission of COVID-19. We must continue to implement and promote a system of preventative controls including, for example, hand washing, good respiratory hygiene, maintaining social distance and wearing face coverings in crowded areas.

There will be no changes to the staggered school days or the separation of bubbles for the time being. Please continue to support this when supervising your children at drop of and collection times.

It is also important to remember that staff members, parents and carers still need to:

- book a test if they or their child has symptoms - the main symptoms are:
 - a high temperature



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- a new continuous cough
 - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- self-isolate immediately and not come to school if:
 - they develop symptoms
 - they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19
 - anyone in their household or support or childcare bubble develops symptoms of COVID-19
 - they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the common travel area
 - they have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with, if they test positive for COVID-19 or if asked by NHS Test and Trace.

A close contact is anyone who:

- lives in the same household as someone with COVID-19 symptoms or who has tested positive for COVID-19
- has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 with either a PCR test or LFD test (if a confirmatory PCR test is negative, provided it was taken within two days of the positive LFD, it overrides the lateral flow test and close contacts can stop self-isolating):
 - face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre
 - been within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact
 - been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact or added up together over 1 day)
 - travelled in the same vehicle or a plane

Adults should try to maintain 2 metre distances from one another to avoid being close contacts and to minimise the impact, should there be a positive case in school.

The Big Ask

Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner has launched the largest survey ever of children in England, "The Big Ask". The purpose is to gather children's views on what they need and want, their concerns and their aspirations. We have discussed this briefly in collective worship and classes. The survey will be open until 28th May and can be accessed via the following link should your child wish to take part.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Parents Evenings

Thank you for the very positive response to parents' evening over School Cloud.

95% of parents managed to book virtual appointments and staff have arranged alternative telephone appointments, where required. Whilst it isn't quite the same as meeting in person, there are advantages, particularly in terms of efficiency and childcare. As always, your views would be most welcome. Feel free to drop me an email or catch me at the school gate.



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Staff Charity Run Update



Wow what an amazing first week we've had! Staff have been out in all weathers with family and dogs for company and have run and walked an amazing 212km already! On our virtual running map, we've just passed Torquay and are heading swiftly toward Exeter! We've also been blown away by everyone's generosity having already raised a total of £1,050 for Oscar's and St Leonard's Hospice. A massive thank you to everyone who's donated, your money will make such a difference.

If you'd like to find out more about our challenge or donate please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/DunningtonCEPrimarySchoolCharityRun>

Menu Change – 20th May 2021

Thursday 20th May is School Census Day and the caterers have made a change to the published menu for that day. A copy of the menu is attached.

York Music Hub

Information is also attached regarding a singing event on 1st June which you may be interested in.

Enjoy the weekend!
With very best wishes,

Caroline Hancy
Headteacher



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