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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all remaining safe and healthy.

It has been so lovely to welcome all of our children back this week and have a school that is buzzing with excitement and busyness again. The vast majority of our children have picked up where they left off and have settled really quickly, which is so pleasing to see. Out attendance for the week has been **98%**, which is a fantastic achievement and a great effort from everybody – well done!

This week, we have focused on emotional well-being and children have taken part in lots of activities to build their social interaction and communication skills. Next week, we will return to subject teaching, whilst still supporting those children who need a little extra time to adapt.

As you should have seen from our letter posted on social media, our Fridays will return to normal timings from **after the Easter holidays**. I want to thank you for your support and flexibility throughout this period when we had to make this change to ensure we had enough staff to deploy across the school to maximise learning time.

THANK YOU to the vast majority of parents who have followed the measures we have in place to help keep everybody as safe as possible. Unfortunately, we have had a few instances where adults have been rude and confrontational to members of staff who are simply trying to follow our risk assessment – this is not acceptable behaviour! My request to you is simple – if you do not want to follow the measures we have put in place, then please do not attend the school site. Anybody found persistently and blatantly disregarding these measures, will be asked not to attend the school site and may face being banned. I do not want the actions of a small minority to affect the many, who are happy to work with us and support us. My priority, and that of all staff at this school, is to keep your children safe. I also have a responsibility to keep staff and other parents/carers safe whilst on the school site, which is why we have had to introduce these measures. As a reminder, and so there is no confusion, all visitors to the site must adhere to the following:

- All adults must wear a face covering whilst on site.
- Parents/carers need to line up at the class cones, and socially distance themselves from others.
- Visitors must not congregate and keep all paths and walkways clear.
- Once you have dropped off / collected your child(ren), you should leave the site straight away.

If you believe you are exempt from any of the above, then please do speak to a senior leader, who are out on the playgrounds before and after school.

Please work with us so that we can minimise the risk of the virus taking hold in our community – we don't want to see households having to isolate if we can help it.



You may have seen or heard that parents of school-aged children can now order rapid lateral flow home test kits to carry out in your home. A home LFD test produces a result within thirty minutes however, if it shows a positive result, you must attend a testing site for a more accurate test. These can be ordered by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

Have a great weekend and stay safe!

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart Mills".

Stuart Mills
Headteacher