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October Update

Dear Families,

I hope this update letter finds you safe and well. It seems that the circumstances surrounding Covid are changing daily particularly for Rotherham, Sheffield and Wakefield Local Authorities. If you are at all confused with the law and guidance in these areas please do not hesitate in contacting school for further guidance or help.

Covid-19 Updates

We have purchased Zoono hand sanitiser for the whole school community to add another layer of protection. Applying Zoono Hand Sanitiser provides an antibacterial protective layer that works with routine hand hygiene procedures to help provide protection throughout the day. Staff and children will continue to wash and cleanse their hands but Zoono will be added protection for 24 hours. It will also help hands from becoming sore as and when the winter weather arrives. It would be even more helpful if you could moisturise your children's hands before they go to bed each night as the additional washing we are doing in school increases skin conditions and soreness.

If anyone in the household has symptoms it is vital that your child remains at home in order to protect the other members of our school community. Please ensure that you telephone school rather than pass messages via the bus escorts/ transport staff so that we understand the full details of any absence. The school office is open from 8am and you are always welcome to leave an answer machine message out of hours.

As we read more about the spread of Covid can I please remind you all to keep hand washing, washing children's clothes and wiping surfaces to decrease the spread of the virus particularly as we move forwards into the Winter season.

Parent Sessions

We are offering parent / carer sessions online in the day time for subjects such as e-safety, sleep issues, coping with teenage behaviours. Details will follow in a separate text or letter shortly.

Open Evening/ Family check-ins

Due to Covid restrictions 'parents evening' will be slightly different this year. A text has been sent for appointment preferences and times will be confirmed close to the date.

Cancellation of events

Due to the ongoing situation with Covid we are finding that we are unable to continue with our normal events schedules whereby families share the learning in the classrooms or attend school to watch performances. We are constantly monitoring the situation particularly as we approach the planning of Christmas events. We may find that





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due to Covid restrictions we are unable to offer opportunities for families to attend school but I can assure you that we are already thinking of alternatives to ensure that the children do not miss out on any seasonal events.

EHCP Reviews

EHCP reviews are taking place online, in person or via the phone it is entirely your choice as a family. As time comes closer for your children EHCP review we will give you opportunity to view which you feel is the best way to host the review. Could I please ask that if you attend any of the school sites in person you do wear a mask throughout your visit unless you have a medical condition that prevents this. If you prefer us to provide you with a face shield we are happy to organise this for you, please let Amy Woodcock know when you confirm your attendance.

Thankyou as always for your support over this period of time.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs L Windle

Executive Headteacher

