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Dear Parents

In light of the easing of national restrictions from 19th July, I wanted to write to clarify that there will be **NO** changes to the measures we have in place at school for the remainder of the summer term. There is still a rise in positive cases within the area and so guidance and advice from the local outbreak team is not to change anything this side of the summer break. Therefore, we kindly request that you continue to support us by following the measures we have on site (adults wearing face masks, observe one-way system, arrive at staggered times, adhere to social distancing, no congregating, etc.) in order to continue to keep the Greysbrooke community safe. Thank you so much for your continued support and co-operation with this.

Although there are going to be changes to contact tracing from 16th August, the local outbreak team have confirmed that schools are expected to continue to assist with contact tracing at the beginning of the summer holidays. This means that you could be contacted by school via text/email any time from the end of term and into the first full week of the summer break, to inform you that your child needs to self-isolate in the event of a confirmed positive case.

Therefore, if your **child** tests **positive** for coronavirus and developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**, please text the COVID-19 Confirmed Positive Cases mobile: **07707 177 389**

We require the following details in the text:

- Name of Child
- Class
- Date of positive test
- Date that child developed the first symptoms (or if there were no symptoms, state that the child was asymptomatic)

The mobile number is to only be used for **text** purposes to report a **confirmed** positive case; it is not for advice. The mobile will be checked at limited points each day within the first week of the holiday.

If your **child** tests **positive** for coronavirus (COVID-19) and developed symptoms **more than 48 hours after being in school**, you do not need to contact the school. You should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test & Trace.

This year has certainly been challenging for us all and I want to thank you so much for your continued support and belief in everything we have done to minimise the risk of transmission, whilst also educating your children. From recent guidance, which could possibly change again over the summer, we are hopeful that September will be more 'normal'. With that in mind, I want to share with you some of our initial plans so that you are aware and can plan accordingly:

- Children from Year 1 Year 6 will return to school on **Monday 6**th **September**; Reception children will follow their staggered induction for the first week
- Doors open for all year groups at 8.45am children to arrive between 8.45am
 and 8.55am; doors close at 8.55am
- Reception children to enter/exit through Reception doorway on KS1 playground
- KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) children to enter/exit through KS1 door on KS1 playground
- All KS2 (Year 3-6) children to enter/exit through back doors on KS2 playground
- End of day timings:
 - o 3.10pm: Reception & KS1
 - o 3.15pm: KS2
- We will continue with the **one-way system** on site as this has been successful this year and has minimised congestion on the pathway and at gates
- Children to wear PE kit on the days that they have PE (Class Teachers will confirm PE days during the first week back in September)
- Parents evenings Autumn term will remain virtual; Spring Term face-to-face;
 Summer Term Open Evening face-to-face

I ask you to be mindful that we are continuing to plan for September and beyond, based on the guidance given; if this changes before or during the summer break, we may have to adapt our plans in response to this. We will, of course, continue to keep you updated of any changes.

Best wishes

Ellie Ballinger

Headteacher