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Dear Families,

It has been truly wonderful to have your children back in school this week. I know that so many have enjoyed their learning this week and getting to know their new teachers.

Inevitably there will be changes to the established routines, however I wanted to reassure you that the school will be doing everything it can to ensure school feels as normal as possible.

Thank you so much for your support with drop offs and pickups. Getting the children into school safely is no mean feat but we feel this week has been as smooth as possible in the mornings and after school. From next week we are asking parents to **wait in the playground** (apart from Etherley road gate) for their children to avoid congestion around the school site. Please ensure that you are keeping a distance from members outside your household and we recommend that you wear a mask.

#### Monitoring your child's Health

It is essential that parents closely monitor the health of their children. If your child displays any of the symptoms of Covid19, it is essential that you do not send them to school and immediately arrange a test.

- $\cdot$  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)
- · 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

Children who have displayed any of the symptoms above cannot return to school until they have a negative test result. A test, either through a test centre or through ordering a home test, can be arranged through the NHS website:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check



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Please remember that no child should come to school when they are unwell.

### Restricting visitors to the school site

Wherever possible, please could parents avoid using the school office. The waiting room within the main entrance is restricted to adults who have made appointments.

#### Bringing in items from home

Please could parents ensure that any items children need are kept to a minimum and sent in with the child. It will not be possible for items left at home to be sent in via the school office.

## Community events and class assemblies

Sadly the school will not be able to run the range of community events as we have in the past, however classes will still be performing class assemblies, which will be made available for parents to watch via Zoom.

## Class trips and visits

We are keen to continue to arrange school trips this year, however these will be local, avoiding the need for public transport. Parent volunteers will be able to support these trips in the normal way.

# Library returns

Please return any library books you may have at home. Ms Ethymiou is working hard to have a range of library books in each classroom for children to take home.

# Google Classroom

Your child will come home over the next week with their google classroom login. We are teaching the children how to use google classroom in school so that in the event of a bubble self-isolating or (we hope not) a second lockdown, children know how to use the software for remote education. Please ask your child about this!

