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Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your family are well.

As you will know, there will be some easing of restrictions from Monday 29th March 2021 – below is the guidance relating to social contact which will be in place until at least 17th May 2021.

Social contact

The evidence shows that it is safer for people to meet outdoors rather than indoors. And this is why from 29 March, when most schools start to break up for the Easter holidays, outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will also be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.

In line with local and central government guidance to schools, we will continue to ask you to respect the social distancing requirements when dropping off and collecting your child. Our current drop-off and pick-up arrangements will be in place until we receive updated guidance that changes this advice. Please support our risk assessments by continuing to come into the playground at the end of the school day and waiting at a cone until your child is dismissed. It is important that we all continue to work together to ensure that we reduce the risks of spreading the virus. Please do not wait outside the school playground. When leaving at the end of the school day please continue to respect social distancing guidance on the pathways to and from school.

It is important that everyone supports and complies with the school's safety measures as it is incumbent upon me, as Headteacher to minimise risks whenever possible – the safety of our school community is always my priority.

This week we have had some children who have developed cold symptoms – where the symptoms overlap with Covid19 symptoms please err on the side of caution and book a test for the person showing the symptoms. The rest of the household should isolate and only end this if a negative result is received. You will find further information on the following website; there is also information about financial support whilst isolating. [Self-isolation and treating coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/self-isolation-and-treating-coronavirus-covid-19-symptoms)

If your child is away from school because they are self-isolating and/or waiting for test results but they are well, then they should complete the online learning activities that teachers have uploaded to our website; these are updated weekly to align with in class teaching. It is important that pupils continue to engage with learning and that we can minimise further disruption to their education.

From Monday 29th March 2021, If a child is away from school due to self-isolation (but not unwell) a member of staff will call at the beginning of the day to ensure parents know where to find the class remote learning offer. Class teachers will email at the end of each day to offer support and guidance.

With kind regards,

Sue Elliott,
Headteacher.

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