



1st November 2020

Dear Parents,

Autumn Information Letter 10

I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing half-term break.

Government Announcement 31st October

The Prime Minister has announced tougher national restrictions in England from Thursday. From Thursday 5 November, everyone must stay at home, and may leave only for a limited set of reasons. These include:

- For education;
- For work, if you cannot work from home;
- For exercise and recreation outdoors, with your household, support bubble or on your own with one person from another household;
- For all medical reasons, appointments and to escape injury or harm;
- To shop for food and essentials;
- To provide care for vulnerable people, or as a volunteer.

As the Prime Minister and Education Secretary have said, keeping young people in education is a national priority so early years settings, schools, colleges and universities will all remain open. Parents and carers should make sure their children keep attending school. **Therefore I would just like to clarify that school will be open for all pupils from Monday 2nd November.**

The guidance for schools was updated on 22nd October and I have once again reviewed the risk assessment in light of the changes. The risk assessment ensures the following systems of control are in place:

1) Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, does not attend school.

2) Where recommended, the use of face coverings in schools.

Not mandatory for primary aged pupils but the Trust requests that ALL parents wear a face covering when collecting and dropping off pupils.

3) Cleaning hands thoroughly more often than usual.

4) Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

5) Introducing enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.

The school has been 'deep-cleaned' during half term and additional cleaning will continue to take place throughout the school day.



6) Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.

The classrooms have been set out to achieve this. The guidance also states:

Ideally, adults should maintain 2-metre distance from each other, and from children. We know that this is not always possible, particularly when working with younger children, but if adults can do this when circumstances allow that will help. In particular, they should avoid close face-to-face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone.

7) Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

8) Always keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.

It is worth bearing in mind that pupils will need to bring a coat every day and wear layers as the classroom windows and doors will be kept open for ventilation. Pupils are still expected to wear the school uniform.

Royal British Legion

From Monday 2nd November, we will be selling items to support the Poppy Appeal. All items will be put into class-sized sets and sent to each bubble in school after half term. Pupils can bring in coins that will be posted directly into the collection pot.

How your donations help...

In these unprecedented times, your donations will help the Royal British Legion support the most vulnerable in the Armed Forces community, be it older veterans that they care for, those suffering from social isolation, or those facing challenges associated with the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our families back to school tomorrow. I will keep you updated with any changes or necessary information throughout the coming days and weeks.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Dean
Headteacher