

## Spring Term Update 4

8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the half term break and the halfway point of the year, I thought I would update you again in relation to the Covid situation in school as well as one or two other reminders.

### Remote Provision

Firstly, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to my teaching team, as I know you would want to also. Since we returned in September, the country hasn't been subject to further lockdowns but we have had pupils needing to isolate because they tested positive. Throughout this time, all pupils who have been off with Covid have had access to their class teacher, and the teaching, via Google Classroom. I know you have appreciated this provision by the many positive comments which have come in but I do think it is worth saying that behind the almost seamless home-learning provision is an extremely dedicated and committed teacher and I have certainly not taken this for granted.

I think it is also worth reminding you that this provision is only intended for those pupils who are well but forced to isolate. Should your child be 'unwell' (with or without Covid), there is no expectation for them to attend virtual lessons. Indeed, teachers will not provide remote learning for pupils who are off 'sick'. These pupils need to rest and recover and get themselves back into school as soon as they are well enough; nothing beats face to face teaching, however good our remote provision is.

### Covid

Cases in school at the moment remain very low – certainly compared to the national picture. We continue to monitor numbers across the school and for now will maintain the aspects of our management plan that appear to be working well.

It is likely, after half term, we may try to ease some of the measures I have implemented, such as those relating to whole school assemblies, but at all times, I will be mindful of the data and act accordingly.

### Packed Lunches

I have noticed recently that some of the pupils' packed lunches brought in from home have become more and more 'snack-based' with lots of sweet / chocolate based products. Whilst I am not in the habit of monitoring the contents of a packed lunch, I would ask that if your child does have a packed lunch, they follow a healthy diet format.

Please would you also ensure there are no nut-based products as we have several pupils in school with severe nut allergies.

### Lost Property

We currently have a significant amount of lost property in school. If you think you are missing a jumper or five, please feel free to pop in at the end of the day to have a look. We do always try and reunite named items and therefore please do name anything your child wears or brings to school.

At various times of the year, lost property is 'sorted' with uniform going to the Friends' Association to pass on and some less desirable items going in the bin.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Best wishes,



Steve Mills  
Headteacher