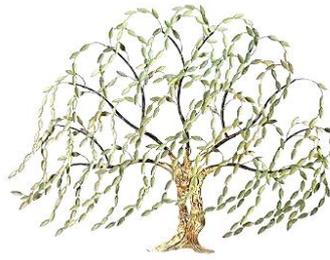


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28th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family remain safe and well?

As you will know, our school remains closed to all children other than those who are vulnerable and those of critical workers. We are now in the fourth week of national lockdown as the country fights the new variant of Covid-19. It is devastating to hear about the escalating death rate and we extend our condolences to our families who have lost loved ones. Thankfully the infection rate is declining especially in South Yorkshire.

We continue to work hard to protect our children and staff in school to keep them safe and to minimise the risk. Thank you for continuing to help us with this by keeping to the rules of lockdown.

Over the last two weeks I, along with our Heads of School, have audited remote home learning - I have found this to be superb and commend our wonderfully talented, creative and enthusiastic teachers, teaching assistants and children. With your child's best interests at heart, and to support you further, we may contact you to ensure that they engage online, especially if we are missing your child on a daily basis. We will find a solution to any problems that arise if we can!

Free School Meals

From the 1/02/2021 we will not be issuing vouchers for FSM children. Instead you will be provided with a Morrisons food hamper which will be delivered to your door. This will enable you to feed your child/children and hopefully reduce the times you have to visit the supermarket. If you have declined to share your address the hamper will be delivered to school for you to pick up.

Testing of staff

School has now received home testing Lateral Flow kits and all staff who work in school will test themselves for Covid-19 prior to coming to work.

To support us further please continue to keep you and your family safe by observing the health, hygiene and social distancing advice. Tell us **immediately** if anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid 19. Similarly, we will contact you immediately if any other child or staff member (that your child has come into contact with) has any symptoms or lives with anyone who becomes ill.

We are looking forward to seeing your child back in school in March and would like to say thank you for your support over the last four weeks. I know that this has been so hard for everyone but it is our intention to continue to serve our families and community in the best way we can. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our team for their outstanding work, they are truly amazing!

Kind regards

Mrs J K Fearnley
Executive Head Teacher

Ms L Greenwood
Head of School