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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your support and co-operation over this half term which has helped children's smooth return to school. We know that this is a tricky time for children and parents but we are so proud of how well everyone has dealt with this difficult situation. As you are aware, the government has updated its Covid-19 restrictions and Barnsley is now in Tier 2 lockdown, so I am writing to parents/carers to remind everyone how to stay safe and protect yourself and others.

If you or anyone in your household has any of the following symptoms they must take a Covid-19 test:

- A high temperature – 37.8°C or above
- A new, continuous cough
- A sudden loss of sense of taste or smell.

You should only take a test if you have symptoms. As soon as you decide to take a Covid-19 test you must self isolate; everyone who lives in your household must also isolate. **This means that you or your children must not come into school.** You should also contact the school office immediately to inform us that your household is self isolating and awaiting a test. If you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, you must self-isolate for 14 days, even if you take a test and test negative during this time. This is because you can develop the infection at any point up to day 14 (the incubation period for Covid-19). You must also inform the school office.

By following this guidance from Public Health England we are all making sure that we are doing everything we can to prevent 'Key Stage Bubbles' from closing and children being sent home. Now, more than ever, we also remind parents and carers that you must follow our site rules when dropping off and picking up children.

Only one adult should be on the school site when dropping off or picking up children, other adult members of your family should wait outside and not come into the playground.

Over the past week we have noticed an increase in the number of adults dropping off and picking up children; if there is a specific reason why, on occasion, more than one adult is needed to pick up a child please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Kilgariff or Ms Ward. It is not fair on those parents/carers who follow this guidance that a minority do not. Otherwise, we may tell you to leave and wait outside the playground.

When on school premises please keep to the left, leaving enough space for people to pass you going the other way.

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We ask that you observe social distancing when on the playground or waiting outside the gate, if you are too close you are putting yourself and others at risk.

Please ensure that you arrive on time and at the right time for drop-off and pick-up of children.

Class	Start Time/Drop off	Pick Up Time	Drop off & Pick Up Location
F1 Nursery morning	8.40 – 9.00am	11.30 – 11.45am	Silver Gate outside the F2 classroom
F1 Nursery afternoon	12.15pm – 12.30pm	2.50pm – 3.15pm	Drop off: Front Reception Pick up: Silver Gate outside the F2 classroom
F2 Reception	8.30am	2.45pm	Silver Gate outside the F2 classroom
Year 1			
Year 1	8.40am	2.50pm	Playground: lined up in their designated space
Year 2			
Year 2	8.30am	2.45pm	Playground: lined up in their designated space
Year 3			
Year 3	8.40am	2.50pm	Playground: lined up in their designated space
Year 4			
Year 4	8.30am	2.45pm	Playground: lined up in their designated space
Year 5			
Year 5	8.40am	2.50pm	Playground: lined up in their designated space
Year 6			
Year 6	8.30am	2.45pm	Playground: lined up in their designated space

Also, over this last week we have noticed an increase in the number of parents/carers wearing face masks when dropping off and picking up. Whilst this is not mandatory we would encourage all adults that can to do this, as we know that wearing a face mask helps to protect ourselves and those around us.

Finally we break up for half term on Friday 23 October 2020 for one week and children will return to school on Monday 2 November 2020.

Yours sincerely

Ms R Ward
Headteacher

