



19 October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

COVID-19 Update

We have almost reached the end of the first half-term. The children have settled well and worked hard throughout.

To date, we have had no positive cases reported in school, although household self-isolation, bubbles being closed in other schools meaning our staff need to provide childcare, and other staff sickness is affecting our staffing levels. The staff in school are working incredibly hard to cover absent staff (your child may not have been taught by their own teacher), particularly at short notice, and I can't thank them enough for their commitment and flexibility to help keep our school open.

We know that there are positive cases in the community and so we continue to be strict with our routines and current systems to keep everyone safe and healthy, and our school open. You will be aware that the government have moved our area into Tier 2 – you can find out information about this on our Twitter feed, or the Gov.uk / NHS websites. We thank you for your support in maintaining social distancing on the school site.

Parent consultations

Thank you so much for taking calls from your children's teachers. We have had a great response so far, with lots of praise and positive support for the work the children are doing. We are always at the end of the phone if you have any further questions or comments.

End of term

In previous years we have allowed children to come into school, on the last day of this half term/first day of next, in Hallowe'en fancy dress and to take part in our 'pumpkin push' fundraiser.

Due to current COVID restrictions we have taken the difficult decision to postpone our non-school uniform days for the foreseeable future. We are very aware that COVID may be placing significant financial pressures on families and do not wish to add to this through school or peer expectations to buy items to wear on this day, or for parents and carers to make unnecessary journeys to make purchases.

We appreciate that children may be disappointed, but hope that you understand the reasons behind this and thank you for your ongoing support. We will be fundraising during the year, but we are trying to keep this to a minimum.

During this week, we will be displaying our contribution to the village Halloween trail for the children to enjoy on the run up to October 31st.

On the first day back after half-term, our amazing friends from Hoopstarz will be in school to start off our term in style.

School will close at 3.00pm on Friday 23rd of October and will re-open at 8.40am on Monday 2nd of November, 2020.

Should there be a Government decision where the length of the half term break changes, we will email parents / carers as quickly as we possibly can, and provide details of any further arrangements.

Mrs Dunn