



Friday 6 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19 Update

Following the Prime Minister's announcement last weekend for another national lockdown starting on Thursday 5 November and the DfE releasing further updated guidance to all schools on Wednesday 4 November, I thought it would be helpful to provide what I trust will be some additional reassurances for you.

The COVID protective measures that we have in place at Greenway are in line with Government guidance and remain the same as before. In summary:

- Pupils and staff will remain in their year group bubbles;
- Regular hand washing and sanitising will continue throughout the school day;
- Regular cleaning of surfaces and equipment will continue throughout the school day;
- All tables need to be forward facing and two pupils must be seated side by side, facing forwards;
- Staggered drop off and pick up arrangements will continue to support social distancing;
- Classroom based resources such as books and games will be used and shared within the class but will be regularly cleaned – pupils will be able to take books home;
- Lots of ventilation, with open windows and doors;
- There will be no large gatherings such as assemblies and pupils will not move around the school.

Extra curricular clubs

You will recall that before half term we confirmed that some after school clubs would commence this week. Football and Ukulele all ran smoothly adopting our COVID protective measures with pupils operating in their year group bubbles. These clubs will continue during this national lockdown, but I am afraid that we will not be starting any new groups at this current time. We will continue to monitor the situation and trust that you understand the difficulties that we face as a school.

Drop off and pick up arrangements

After speaking to local Heads on Thursday morning and noting that we are now in a national lockdown, I am now requesting that **all parents who drop off/pick up their child/ren and come onto the school site to do so wear face masks**. This also includes those parents/carers who drop off at Breakfast Club and who pick up from Waccy and after school clubs.

Please may I remind you that we have always asked that only **one** parent accompanies their child/ren to and from school as this helps reduce the number of people on Crossways and in the narrow alleyways that surround the school.

I know that you appreciate that we all need to support the measures in place as best as we can to ensure the safety of us all and thank you for continued cooperation in these difficult times.

Regards

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