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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID Updates

Thank you as always for your continued support and for working with us through this extraordinary period of our lives.

We are very proud that our whole school attendance for this year so far is 96%, which is where it should be without a Global Pandemic! So, a very well done to each and every one of you for getting your child into school each day when it is safe to do so.

Home Learning

Of course, we are conscious that at any moment we could have a positive case in school and there will be a need to send children / staff home. For this reason, we have been working behind the scenes to improve our home learning offer should we need it. Staff have been practising delivering lessons virtually through Microsoft Teams. They have been beamed into classrooms and delivering lessons through the class screens and it has been extremely impressive. Should the need arise, our staff are going to be able to offer interactive, live online learning to your child if they are isolating. All they will need is access to the internet on a device. We will of course discuss all of this with you if and when the need arises. For those without internet and a device, we will have some other ideas to share at the time.

Safety Reminders

- Please ensure that you maintain social distancing from others when dropping off and collecting your child from our school.
- Please follow any guidance issued by us to help with this e.g. the wearing of facemasks and only one adult per family should enter school grounds to drop off or collect.
- For those travelling by car we ask that you do not travel to the end of Wooler Street during peak times as it is very dangerous when children are crossing.
- We are increasingly concerned about the number of children and adults from different bubbles who are congregating in the play park after school. It undermines the safety procedures that we have put in place in school to keep everyone safe and ensure that school can remain open. We have been informed that the Police will be visiting this area and issuing fines for breaches of the rules set down by the Government.



Self-isolation

If you are self-isolating:

- Please ensure that if you or a member of your family has Covid symptoms or has been asked to self-isolate (e.g. if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive) that you and your household follow the self-isolation guidelines.
- Please do not send a child to school if they or a member of their household has symptoms, or if they have been asked to self-isolate.

As ever, we are here to support you and if there is anything we can do, please ask. The atmosphere in school is happy and the resilience of the children is just astounding. We remain impressed with the progress they are making with their learning. There are lots of Christmas activities to look forward to and we will share all of our special moments with you on social media.

Very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Johnson'.

Mr Garry Johnson
Headteacher