

# Update for parents: 2

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## **Dropping off and picking up**

We have put in a one way system on the Y3 and 4 playground to improve social distancing at busy times. Parents should enter the school through the blue gate (main small gate) and exit the school through the little gate on the playground (the one that's usually locked) onto St. Mary's Road.

Please could we ask parents to ensure children do not arrive at school before their allocated time. Some older children have been arriving in classrooms as early as 8.30am. Whilst we appreciate they are keen - the teachers are not quite ready for them at this point!

## **Survey**

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey about remote learning. The results were on the whole very positive. Some suggestions for us to improve the remote learning included more face to face time with the teachers and a greater mixture of online and offline activities. We will use this information to inform our contingency plans.

## **Parents in school**

Please can we encourage parents to think about whether you could email or telephone the school rather than coming to the office with questions. If you do come into the school, we would appreciate it if you could wear a face mask.

## **Ties**

Ties can now be paid for via ParentPay and they will be sent home with the children.

## **Testing**

We are already seeing quite a number of children who have colds and other normal childhood illness. During this time we are asking parents to keep children at home if they are ill. In normal circumstances some parents might give them a bit of Calpol and send them in but to prevent colds, sore throats and tummy upsets spreading at this time we would ask you to keep children at home until they are better.

If your child has a **cough** or a **temperature** we need you to keep them at home and book a test. I know how difficult this is – we have been supporting families in trying to access tests. I have been told by PHE that the government is planning to open up more laboratories to improve public access to testing. It is very evident that the current system cannot cope with the demand. The advice is, if you are trying to book a test, to keep trying throughout the day as slots are being added. Please do not turn up at a test centre (including mobile units) without a booking – we have been informed that they will no longer test people who do not have a booking.



**Headlice**

Now the children are all back together unfortunately the head lice are back too. Please can all parents check children's hair for nits over the weekend. We can only combat outbreaks if everyone is vigilant. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Woolley

Headteacher