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Dear Parents and Carers,

We cannot thank you enough for your support since we returned to school in September. Our term is nothing like we anticipated.

We thank you for supporting us by wearing face masks during drop off and collection times. We understand that this is not statutory but with the increased risk of the virus and large numbers of adults on site, masks will help to reduce the risk further. This will also help to reduce the risk to teachers, in an attempt to avoid a situation whereby children have to stay home because there is not enough staff.

As a school, we will continue to offer after school and breakfast club provisions until we are advised that these can no longer take place. We are currently running these in bubbles to once again reduce the number of children each child/adult comes into contact with throughout the day.

We have taken the decision to cancel swimming lessons for Year 5 this term as this would involve children travelling on transport and using changing facilities used by other schools. We will update the parents and children of these classes when they resume.

We have received risk assessments from our Music teachers and our Maths specialist who joins us on Number Day, and for the time being these will continue.

We have introduced worry boxes in school and assemblies to help children to share their feelings or worries so that we can provide support where needed.

In the event that class bubbles should isolate, we are currently in the process of transferring our information to Microsoft Teams. The first stage of this is to issue children with an email address and password. Your child may have this already, in which case, please keep it somewhere safe and await further instruction.

In the event that we should have a bubble closure before this system is up and running, teachers will be uploading their teaching PowerPoints which they have added their voice to and these will be accessible via a link on the school website. More information to follow.

In the meantime, we ask that you continue to follow all Government guidance. Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs C Dodds  
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