



23 November 2020

Dear Parents

On Friday, we will have reached the end of what has been a really full-on half term. We want to start by thanking you all for bearing with us as we come to terms with our 'new normal' of keeping everyone safe by adhering to physical distancing, one way systems and hand sanitising.

We are aware of the anxieties that many of you have faced in sending your children back to school and we want to reassure you that safety is our priority. Following a meeting with public health and the raising of London's alert level to Tier 2, we have decided to put in further measures to ensure everyone's safety. After half term, we will be asking adults dropping off and collecting children to wear face coverings whilst on the school premises. We would appreciate your support with this and this will include when in the school foyer to speak to the office. Staff will also be wearing face coverings when moving around the school, however children will not be required to wear masks.

The latter part of this half term has been tinged with sadness as we said goodbye to Nicky Edge one of our lunchtime supervisors, who sadly passed away 2 weeks ago. Thank you so much for all of your donations. We have nearly raised £2000 which is an amazing achievement. If you would like to donate you can do so [here](#).

We are also sad to say goodbye to Sally Ellis, one of our much loved teaching assistants who is retiring after 30 years of devoted service. As a school we have said our goodbyes in an assembly this afternoon, and the children have written messages to go inside a card for Mrs Ellis. She will be greatly missed by us all.

It has been a positive start to the school year and the children and staff have been working really hard. Please allow your child time to rest over the next week or so and we will be insisting our staff have a rest too. We all need some time to recharge our batteries and staff will be turning SeeSaw off during half term so please do not expect replies to any messages. If there is anything urgent that you need to let us know about, please email the school office.

Thank you for your patience with our online Parents' Evening. The general consensus is that it was successful, but fraught with technical difficulties, particularly on the first night. The second night seemed to work better and fingers crossed, we have now sorted the technical issues in time for Reception Parents' evening after half term.

During the half term holiday, we will be having some building work done to the front of the school, to replace the windows in the hall, add an additional fire exit and replace some internal fire doors. Hopefully this will improve the look of the front of the school, as well as making our school a safer place.

Thank you again for your continued support throughout the pandemic. Wishing you all a happy and restful week and we look forward to welcoming you back on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Remember face coverings will be required anywhere in the school grounds.

Kind regards,

Caroline Barriball and Samantha Sandle  
Co-headteachers