



16th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Update: 16th November 2020

We hope as ever, that the week gone past has been a manageable one for all of our families and that you are adjusting to week two of our second 'national lockdown'. This letter being sent to you today offers an update in relation to a few key areas. We are keen to keep in touch with you anyway, but in particular through this new 'lockdown' when we may feel more cut off from and out of touch with each other.

This letter is also an opportunity to thank you for keeping the school informed swiftly of any Covid-related matters so that we can respond in a timely manner and keep the school community safe, knowledgeable and alert. As per the last letter that we sent you, please pass on our appreciation to your child for their contribution to the collective effort to ensure the school can remain open.

In this letter there is information about the following:

1. Anti-Bullying Week
2. Parent Governor Vacancy
3. Digital Theatre
4. Safety and conduct before and after school
5. Frequently Asked Questions

Anti-Bullying Week

This week is Anti-Bullying Week and we are going to re-launch our anti-bullying strategy, which was unfortunately cut short due to the first national 'lockdown'. Our focus throughout the school will be on kindness and positive friendships. Mrs Emmanuel is coordinating a 'listening exercise' with students to find out more about student views on how we can further support a positive and supportive relationships throughout the school.

Parent Governor Vacancy

I would like to bring to your attention [this letter](#) regarding a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This is a very important role and we welcome nominations, either for yourself or someone else, from suitably qualified individuals. Please do read the letter carefully as we are looking for a particular skill set. We would particularly welcome applications from parents/carers from the BAME community and/or those parents/carers with a disability as both groups remain under-represented on the Governing Body.



Digital Theatre

Please [click here](#) for a letter from Ms Catchpole about access to digital theatre.

Safety and conduct before and after school

Can we ask that if you are collecting your child on foot after school that you cross Dartmouth Road at an earlier point e.g. Sydenham Park Road than right in front of the school or by using the pedestrian crossing which is close to the main school entrance. The traffic on Dartmouth Road can be fast moving and it is important that the adults in the school community all model the behaviour that we are asking the students to display.

In a similar vein, please can you ensure that your children are following national guidelines by wearing facial coverings when entering all local shops. We know that the vast majority of students are doing this when they are out of school. Please can you reinforce the importance of continuing to behave in this way, as it keeps us all safe.

Frequently Asked Questions

Finally, to access our Frequently Asked Questions, please [click here](#). These questions address the following topics:

- What should I do if my child has Covid-19 symptoms?
- What should I do if my child receives a positive Covid-19 test?
- What should I do if my child receives a negative Covid-19 test?
- What will the school do if there is a positive Covid-19 case?
- What are the behaviour protocols and expectations around the site?
- Can parents and carers visit the school site?
- What should I do if I am experiencing hardship linked to Covid-19?
- What are the school's attendance and punctuality expectations?
- What will the remote learning provision for my child be?
- What should I do if my child cannot log in to their account?
- What should I do if my contact details change?

Yours faithfully

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