

25th September 2020

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers and Children,

It's been another great week and so once again I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our amazing children for being constantly brilliant and to all other members of our school community for your support and goodwill.

You will find attached two letters I have been asked to send out.

The first is from CWAC Director of Public Health. It states that from Monday 28 September the council is recommending that parents / carers and school staff begin to wear face coverings at drop off and pick up times. It is obvious that we need to do all we can to keep all members of our school community safe and so the introduction of face coverings for the times when school staff and other adults interact is aimed at keeping this risk as low as possible.

Clearly I am not in a position to enforce this guidance; as with the wearing of face masks on transport or in shops if you have a medical condition or anxieties then it is your decision as to whether you wear one or not although I hope that the overwhelming majority of you do. Carrying on the theme of individual responsibility for our own and other's health, I trust that no one will behave in an inappropriate manner towards anyone who chooses not to wear a face covering as we will not be aware of their personal circumstances.

The second attachment reiterates what we have seen on the news regarding testing. As a school we have only sent anyone home if they have had one or more symptoms and those parents keeping children off have done so for the same reason; as such these are absolutely valid reasons to go for a test.

Finally, please let me assure everyone of you that whilst we encourage handwashing and keeping bubbles separate, my staff and I are absolutely sensible and compassionate in our approach to school life and our children's needs. Children are aware that these are weird times but they all know that their teachers and teaching assistants will continue to support them emotionally and / or physically in the same way as we always have.

Kind Regards

Adam Croft