

6 October 2020

Dear Parents,

Throughout the COVID pandemic, I know you have always valued honest and prompt communication about all issues at school and I do understand how hard it must be to send your children into school each day and yet have relatively little contact with us all compared to usual.

Parent consultations

Thankyou for your understanding about parent consultations, the promised rain has arrived and it's wet play all round!! We have postponed until Tuesday next week and your appointment times remain the same.

Monday's appointments went very smoothly outside so this is a safe way for us to have a face to face meeting whilst keeping our 2m distance and not breaching the 15min contact rules. Thankyou to those parents who attended these. You clearly won't need to come again next Monday!!!!

Testing

Over the last few days, Miss Caws, Mrs Holdich and I have had the usual autumn colds but last night and this morning, noticed that our sense of taste has diminished or changed. As a precaution, and in conjunction with advice from the South East Health Protection Team (SEHPT), we are working from home and have all taken tests this morning. We are sure that this is not needed but, you never know and I'm not a doctor! Better to be safe than sorry. Spaces we have been working in yesterday have been thoroughly cleaned, we've begun the process of contact tracing just in case we are asked for this information and we will know more tomorrow. Advice from SEHPT is to continue as normal so Mrs Burnand is covering Clatford class as she knows them best & Miss Caws is on hand virtually. Mrs Natt is soldiering on in Year 4 without Mrs Holdich and Miss Tregunna is available in my absence. I am of course on email and will be attending meetings virtually.

I thought you'd want to know all of this straight from me rather than 'on the grapevine'.

As soon as we know test results and any further actions we may need to take (or not if tests are negative), I will of course be in touch. I think this is the way life is going to be for some time to come so I'm sure this won't be the last time I write to you along these lines.

Many thanks for your continued understanding.



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Headteacher

