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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week enjoying our learning – this has included combining fun reading activities and our live sessions to help each class re-connect once again.

The focus of these sessions was to identify and alleviate any concerns our children may have about next week; this includes children that have been learning at home and those that have been in school. Please be reassured that well-being is always at the heart of what we do, and it is important to remember how resilient and adaptable our incredible children are. As always, our dedicated staff team and pastoral team will be providing support during this next phase and beyond. As mentioned last week, the layout of the site, the daily routines and way things will operate will be the same as it was for the whole of the Autumn term – this will hopefully help everyone settle quickly.

British Science Week begins today and the theme this year is 'Innovation for the Future'.

Next week, across school, children will be taking part in STEM activities that will enable them to develop the skills to be a reflective inventor. We will be celebrating the curiosity, perseverance and persistence within our classrooms! A great way to enthuse our budding scientists and enjoy our learning back together.

Before the children return, it is crucial that we are able to contact you during the school day if needed. If any contact details have changed, including mobile numbers and email addresses, please email the school office and change your details on ParentPay. As well as this, if there are any medical changes for your child, please email us before Monday in order to ensure we have the most up-to-date information.

Along similar lines, if there have been any significant changes for your child or family since December, please email us, so we are able to ensure that we are aware and can best support your child. We are always here and want to work with you to help your child/ren to be the best they can be and are happy.

How can parents/carers help to ensure that school is as safe as possible and reduce the risk of transmission?

This is a very important question. From a school aspect, we have once again reviewed our risk assessment and will have all of the control measures in place that have served us so well - we are confident in these systems.

We really need your support to help ensure a successful return to full school opening in order to reduce the risk of transmission and having to close class bubbles. With the Government Roadmap being shared, this has created great hope for the coming months, with the prospect of seeing our loved ones and returning to some form of normality hopefully on the horizon. That being said, it is easy to think that the strict measures in place before Christmas are no longer as important. I cannot stress enough how important these are. The infection rates are still high (even though we have been in lockdown), so it is more important than ever that we protect our whole school community (families, children and school staff) by keeping these protective measures in place.

We have been very fortunate as we did not have to close any bubbles during the second half of the Autumn term, or during this last half term. We recognise the rigorous control measures we have implemented will have helped this, but we are also realistic enough to recognise that we have been very lucky too. We do not know what this half term will bring, and we must all do all we can to reduce the chances of having to close bubbles.



We know you will be so glad that your children are returning to school and would not want them to be off when they return. However, your child being off for 1 day to have a test, rather than coming into school with the virus, can impact greatly upon their whole class bubble and numerous members of staff linked to their bubbles. **PLEASE DO NOT send your child to school if they have any of the three main COVID symptoms.**

A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).

A new continuous cough.

A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell.

If in doubt, please keep your child off school and book a test.

If your child develops any of the three symptoms in school, we will contact you to ask you to isolate as a household, and anyone with symptoms must then access a test. This is the same for children across the country. As a parent myself, I understand the difficulties and additional stress this may cause, but we have to do everything we can to keep our school community as safe as possible. If staff do need to inform you of this, please be polite and recognise they are just following the procedures to help keep our school community safe.

On the return to school, please help the whole school community by doing the following:

Please wear a face covering when entering the school site (and ideally on the narrow pathways outside of school).

We know you will have missed speaking to other parents, but please keep your distance 2m+ and please leave the school site as soon as you have dropped your child/ren off or collected them.

If you are outside within 1 metre of another parent for 1 minute (with or without a mask), you would be classed as a close contact if they were to have the virus. People are contagious from 2 days before they even have any symptoms. This would mean you would have to isolate for 10 days if Test and Trace had to track close contacts. Please try to maintain 2m+.

If you have a positive result, please email us immediately with the subject named as POSITIVE TEST and a copy of the confirmation, so we can review any action that may need taking to keep people safe. Email admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk

If your child has to isolate due to being a close contact, they must stay at home. If they have siblings who are not close contacts but need dropping off, and you have no one who can support you with this, please contact the school office and we will work with you to find a solution.

Please email a positive test result, **even if it is a household member who has tested positive**, before bringing your child back to school.

Please follow the one-way system **at all times please**. (As we have had reduced numbers in school this half term, some parents have been more flexible with using this). With all children returning to school, the one-way system is crucial in reducing possible transmission of the virus.

Please try to ensure only one family member enters the school site to drop off or collect children.

Please ensure you bring your child to school in their allotted time slot. We have staggered times to prevent classes who share doors from mixing - this is very important. It will also help your child to be in school on time, settling into the routines with their class.

What time do I need to bring my child to school and collect them at the end of the day?

The timings for children in Years 1- 6 remain the same as they were during Autumn for each class. For children in Nursery and Reception there is a slight tweak for some groups. We are happy to continue any additional



arrangements that were in place for a small number of families with siblings during the Autumn term. All we ask is that you email to confirm you still require these.

Class	Drop-off Time	Pick-up Time
Nursery	8.45am – 8.55am	2.50pm – 3.00pm
Reception A – Miss Callaly	8.45am – 8.55am	2.50pm – 3.00pm
Reception B – Mrs Petch	8.55am – 9.05am	3.00pm – 3.10pm
Year 1 – Miss Martin	9.00am – 9.10am	3.10pm – 3.20pm
Year 1/2 – Mrs Fowley	8.40am – 8.50am	2.50pm – 3.00pm
Year 2 – Mrs Sparkes	8.50am – 9.00am	3.00pm – 3.10pm
Year 3 – Mrs Baker-Robinson	8.50am – 9.00am	3.00pm – 3.10pm
Year 3/4 – Mrs Miller	8.40am – 8.50am	2.50pm – 3.00pm
Year 4 – Miss Dowd	9.00am – 9.10am	3.10pm – 3.20pm
Year 5 – Miss Oglesby	9.00am – 9.10am	3.10pm – 3.20pm
Year 5/6 – Mrs Taylor	8.50am – 9.00am	3.00pm – 3.10pm
Year 6 – Mr Burmo	8.40am – 8.50am	2.50pm – 3.00pm

What day will my child have PE?

Children will come to school in their outdoor PE kits on their PE days. Please ensure they have a warm jumper or hoodie – part of our outdoor PE uniform.

Class	PE Days – children to come to school in outdoor PE kit
Reception Class	Friday
Year 1 – Miss Martin	Monday & Tuesday
Year 1/2 – Mrs Fowley	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 2 – Mrs Sparkes	Wednesday & Friday
Year 3 – Mrs Baker-Robinson	Monday & Thursday
Year 3/4 – Mrs Miller	Monday & Thursday
Year 4 – Miss Dowd	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 5 – Miss Oglesby	Monday & Thursday
Year 5/6 – Mrs Taylor	Thursday & Friday
Year 6 – Mr Burmo	Wednesday & Friday

When should my child change their reading book?

Please can your child bring their reading book into school on Monday 8th March; there will be boxes outside the classroom doors for them to place them in. They will then bring a new book home on Thursday. Please remember all children also have books allocated to them on Rising Stars; this will enable your child to read throughout the week.

What can my child bring to school?

We will operate in the same way we have been since September in order to minimise the risk of transmission.

Children can bring:

A named drink bottle;

A named coat;

Books on Monday to change;

No bags please, unless this have been arranged for specific reasons with your child's teacher.

What are the safety measures school will be implementing?

The measures we have listed below will continue.

*Classroom layout in rows will enable all children to sit at desks, alongside each other, that face forward; this will avoid children sitting face-to-face. This may be different in Nursery and Reception where free flow provision is still permitted.

* Rigorous hygiene procedures will be followed at all times with regular hand washing and use of hand sanitiser for the children and adults.

*Enhanced cleaning will also continue within bubbles and across school.

*Social distancing will be encouraged where appropriate in bubbles; however, the government recognise that this is not possible for many primary aged children. This is one of the reasons why the children are organised into smaller bubbles, to contain and reduce risk.

*Windows will be kept open to aid ventilation – please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day, regardless of the weather.

* Staff have access to home testing twice a week.

Can my child bring their bike/scooter to school?

In order to ensure that children remain with parents/carers, to reduce the potential transmission, and to ensure Nursery parents can safely enter school through their designated entrance, **bikes and scooters will unfortunately not be permitted on site**. As mentioned previously, all children should be encouraged to walk to school. We will be reviewing this as restrictions start to lift during the coming weeks.

Can I order test kits for my family to carry out regular, rapid home coronavirus testing?

We will forward a separate email from the DfE outlining its testing plans for parents and adults in households with children at school or college age.

It was great to see our children this morning to celebrate our love of reading. So many children wear dressed in their character costumes or had their favourite book with them. Once again, a fun way to come together as a school.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning!

Leila Rothenburg (Headteacher)