



Sunday 13th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another fabulous week in school with the children all happy and smiley and learning has once again started with gusto! The children have enjoyed the extra work we have been doing around health and wellbeing and discussing any worries they may have. We are so proud of how the children have returned to school and adapted to the new routines. They have impressed us so much

not only with their attitude and behaviour but also with their learning. We can see how hard they (and you) have worked during lock down and would like to say thank you to you all for the work you have put in to help your children keep learning.

We would also like to thank everybody in the Huncote community for following the guidelines in place to ensure we could reopen. As you are aware, we have a number of measures in place in-line with the guidance we have received to provide as safe an environment as possible. You may have noticed reports in the media regarding an increase in cases and the impact this can have on schools. **It has been recommended that parents/carers wear a mask at drop off and pick up time due to the volume of people, we thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.**

Over the last two weeks we have had a total of 33 children out of our 189 pupils having to self-isolate due to possible symptoms, waiting for test results, or waiting for test results of family members including parents. So far everyone has only had negative test results return which is great! We have to bear in mind though that at present in the city and county there is well over 40 schools that have had a positive cases (the majority of these are in the county) and have had to ask either groups of pupils/staff or whole bubbles to self-isolate for 14 days. These have happened at schools close by to us too, e.g. Sapcote Primary, Blaby Stokes Primary, and most recently over the weekend Greystoke Primary in Narborough.

Due to the recent rise in cases and more locally in the Blaby area we need to introduce the wearing of **face masks by parents on the school site please from MONDAY**. We will be reviewing and may be increasing the use of masks/visors worn by staff in school when they are close to the children. This is essential for a number of reasons. The cases are growing exponentially and as you are aware tougher restrictions are in place from tomorrow. We need to protect the children, the staff and you as parents. We need to do this to be able to hopefully prevent the children from missing even more school; we want them in school learning as I am sure you do as parents.

You will not be allowed past the front car park gate to drop off or pick up a child without wearing a mask, and I would suggest donning the mask before you reach that point as there are often many parents around. The same applies at the back gate onto the playground, but due to the narrow pathways near the park and the small jitty down onto school lane I would suggest wearing the mask even further away from the gate here.

I would also like to reiterate some of our guidelines as they are not being followed by absolutely everyone. Adults should not be stood or walk with other adults without there being a 2m gap between them. Only one adult should be on the school run per family. Adults should remain 2m apart when waiting at the end of the day anywhere on the school site. Adults should not be gathering to chat/talk just outside the school site as this reflects badly in the

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local community and has brought us criticism on social media. Adults should not be touching/hugging/kissing children not in their family as has been witnessed on the school site. All of these things negate what we are trying to do in school to keep us open.

I have also been searching this weekend for clear diagrams to help you as parents know what to do if someone in your family does develop symptoms as unfortunately there seems to be a lot of coughs developing at present . One talks about symptoms and the other explains about who has to isolate and the number of days to do this, as well as telling you what to do if you are contacted by test and trace. Can I also reiterate that if a positive case occurs out of school hours then please e mail me immediately on the keepintouch@huncote.leics.sch.uk . We will need to act immediately as a school, contacting our local Public Health office as soon as we can to take advice. Please do not wait until the morning as this will be too late and will result in a late notice closure which will be inconvenient for all involved.

Please take care and follow the rules for everyone's safety!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. Cumberlidge'.

Rachel Cumberlidge
Head teacher

