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Dear Families,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful Summer together and have kept yourselves safe and well throughout.

In addition to the email I sent out on Wednesday, I just wanted to offer some clarification around a few things.

Positive cases and Isolation

If a child or adult has received a positive LFT, or displays any symptoms of COVID and the new variant (as listed in the Operations Booklet) they will be asked to get a confirmatory PCR test. Once we have a positive PCR result;

*We will refer to the seating plans that each Teacher will be producing daily to see who is a close contact. This will not be the whole class as it once was, but those closest to the case.

*We will notify families of the close contacts and advise, as NHS Test and Trace will, that the close contacts take a PCR to see if they are asymptomatic and have the virus.

*If your child is asked to take a PCR as a close contact and they DO NOT have symptoms at all, they DO NOT have to self-isolate until they get their result. Instead, they are able to return to school.

*We do not envisage class closures as children under the age of 18 DO NOT have to isolate if they have been a close contact of a positive case.

*Staff will not have to self-isolate as a close contact of a positive case if they have been double jabbed (which the majority of our staff have been).

*We are not planning to move children to learning outside if there are more than 5 cases, we will however, and as always, make decisions that are sensible and measured depending on what scenarios we are faced with.

If a member of your household has COVID, please get your child a PCR as you will be advised to do, and test them each day of the isolation period before school to ensure they are not coming into school positive. They will not be required to self-isolate with you, but we do need to be mindful they may be asymptomatic and they may bring it into school and spread the infection.

This is the plan at this time and I will keep you up to date with any changes that may arise.



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Timings of Day

As per the information I sent out, these are the timings for this half term.

8.50 – Gates will open

9.10 – Bell will go for registration (so there's a 20 minute drop off window)

2.50 – Gates will open for pupils to leave

3.00 – Buses will start to be loaded

Unless you have had a discussion with me, pupils will not be coming out of school before 2.50pm anymore. This is due to them losing valuable time during the day with having extended times for registration, breaks and lunch. This is for health and safety and only continuing until Half Term. Our pupils deserve the very best education and to enable us to offer this, they need to be in by 9.10am and need to be here until 2.50pm. They already have a shortened day so I respectfully ask that you adhere to these timings so that our children get as much of an education as they need and deserve. We will be working with families where there is consistent and repeated lateness.

PE Kits

Children will come into school in their uniforms. They will then change into PE kits or Forest School kit when they are in, then change back into uniform afterwards. They will bring forest kit home on that afternoon, and PE kits will be kept in school until after the second session of PE in the week and then sent home for washing. This is a slight change to the Operations Booklet (that I will update) where I said PE kit will come home after each PE session.

Parent Pay

Some of you will need to set this up. Please do not worry if it's not done yet. Your child can still have hot meals whilst we get it sorted. Letters with how to set up your Parent Pay will be sent home during the first week back.

Responses from staff

Please be mindful that now we are returning to some kind of 'what we were', our hours for responding to emails and calls are between 7.30am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Office@rigbyhall.worcs.sch.uk is responded to between 8am and 4.30pm. This is to enable all staff to be able to look after their own mental health and well-being, ensuring they are well enough to teach and do their job, and also the opportunity for them to spend time with their own families. In the first instance of any queries, please contact your child's teacher.

We are so excited to be welcoming all the children back on Monday. (Monday 13th for Sapling class)

Have a great weekend.

Tracey



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