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Fitzwaryn

'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to report how well the pupils who have moved classes after half term have settled, they all seem happy to be with new friends and staff. The pupils who stayed in their September classrooms have done an excellent job at 'buddying' their new class members.

As far as the second National lockdown is concerned, the government guidance I have been waiting for has yet to be published, I am expecting it to be released later today following the Commons vote.

I am making sure that I am taking all the advice and guidance via weekly meetings with other Headteachers, the Local Authority and Public Health England Staffing - I am incredibly proud of the staff team and the way in which they have stepped up during the pandemic and I am confident that they will continue to do all they can to keep the wheels of Fitzwaryn turning! However, as you can understand staffing is compromised on a daily basis due to the individual circumstances of staff members and going into the Winter no doubt staff sickness levels will rise. As I have indicated before, if staffing levels reach a point where our Risk Assessment tells us it is unsafe for children to be in school, I will have no choice but to send some children home.

Face Coverings and Social Distancing - For those of you who come onto school premises to drop off and pick up, I need to ask that you wear a face covering whilst continue to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Remote learning - Some of you have already asked if we are able to provide remote learning during this lockdown. As we are open to all children, it will be very difficult for us to provide additional learning for those children who are at home unless they are in an extremely clinically vulnerable group. As usual, each case will be assessed on an individual basis so please get in touch should you wish to discuss further.

Illness at school - Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell, we will send them back home to be cared for.



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Also, if you or a member of your household has COVID symptoms or have had a COVID test then members of the family must self-isolate until the results come back. Please refer to the guidelines

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

I know how confusing the guidelines can be, so if you require any support with making sense of them, please let us know.

'Keeping the Fitzwaryn Community Strong' Facebook page - I know how much you and the staff who access the page have appreciated the support that this has given since it was set up. It is now even more important that we continue to support each other as much as we possibly can. Please continue to post your lovely photos and comments, they really do make a difference!

As always, we are here to support the school community and by working together we can ensure that we continue to provide the best possible outcomes for everyone.

Best wishes

Stephanie Coneboy
Headteacher