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Dear Parents/Carers

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Remote Learning

Thankfully, since we returned to school after the half term break in October, positive Covid-19 cases have been quite low among pupils. We have however, had a number of members of staff test positive. This, of course, puts enormous strain on our resources in school. Teaching colleagues have risen to this challenge magnificently and we have been able to deliver our curriculum without the need to close down whole year group bubbles. I am conscious that, on occasion, it has been difficult to maintain communication between home and school when we are trying to deliver the curriculum remotely. When difficulties arise, I would ask that parents contact school to alert us of the fact that a pupil is experiencing difficulties accessing work. I would also ask that parents recognise the workload demands for staff currently and remain understanding if it takes a short time to solve any problems that may have occurred. Additionally, I would like to remind parents that remote learning will take a number of forms. Sometimes, live lessons may be delivered via Microsoft Teams, but other methods, such as work task set through Google Classrooms or lessons delivered using chat facilities may equally be the chosen format. Educational research remains conclusive in its assessment that no one method of remote learning is particularly more impactful than another.

Mask Wearing

We have been extremely pleased with the level of compliance shown by pupils to wearing face coverings in open spaces in school. We incurred a good deal of expense in purchasing two masks for each pupil which allows one to be worn and one to be in the wash. Increasingly, we are seeing pupils forgetting to bring their masks to school and we are having to issue large numbers of disposable masks. Costs related to Covid are having such an effect on our school budget that we are now charging fifty pence on the occasions that masks are forgotten. Please could parents emphasise the point to their children that masks are, for the meantime, an essential part of school uniform?

Prohibited items

Due to the limited menu choice in school at the moment, many more pupils are bringing their own food and drink to school. I would like to remind pupils that fizzy sugar-filled drinks such as Coke and Lucozade are not allowed in school. Additionally, there seems to be a craze at the moment in younger age groups for lollipops. They are causing a littering problem and more importantly, it is a health and safety concern when we see children running around the yard with lollies in their mouths.

Thank You!

We all continue to face many challenges during this latest lockdown period, both in school and in our homes and in the community. I would like to pass on the thanks of staff at All Hallows for the amount of encouragement and support we have received from parents. Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mr C Horrocks
Headteacher



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