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Welcome Back

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to welcome back the children for another exciting year of learning at Bransgore school. It has also been wonderful to see all of our lovely parents back at school too. The pupils have returned happy, smart and enthusiastic and it has been a joy to see them re-connecting with their friends and grown-ups in a less formal environment. We are also enjoying playtimes together and whole school worships. It feels much more like "normal" school at the moment but we continue to wash hands very regularly throughout the school day and we are very cautious about how this term may pan out in the medium to long term. Mr De-Lancy Green is currently absent from school recovering from Covid and we have several pupils awaiting PCR results or who have tested positive for the virus over the past two weeks, a reminder to us all that we are far from over the pandemic. I hope that we can avoid a major outbreak of Covid in school and I thought it may be helpful to set out our approach for you.

Covid-19

If we have a child with symptoms of Covid 19 we will ask you to collect them as soon as possible and that you take the pupil for a PCR test and also test the family at the same time. We would then ask that you isolate until the result of the test is known. The government advice states that pupils can return to school whilst awaiting the results of a PCR test but we feel that this is not the safest approach and could lead to many more children and adults being infected.

If a member of your household contracts Covid but your child tests negative, then they are free to return to school but we would ask that you continue to regularly lateral flow test children as they may contract the virus later and it is possible that they could be asymptomatic. If a pupil has any symptoms of Covid we would ask that they are kept at home and taken for a PCR test as soon as possible. To remind you, a runny nose or sneezing are not likely indicators of Covid 19 and pupils can continue to come into school but a high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste or smell or a headache should all be checked.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 they should stay at home and isolate for 10 days. Pupils who are isolating will be provided with remote learning until they are ready to return.

If we get more than 5 pupils in one class who contract Covid-19 at the same time, we will seek advice from Public Health England and tighten up our safety measures and will revert back to the plan we had at the end of the summer term until the risk to our community subsides again.

Welcome

We are excited to be welcoming our little Lions and Tigers into school for the first time next week. Our new extension to the classroom has slightly overrun due to the theft of all Mr Saunders' power tools over the summer break but we will be all finished by Wednesday and ready to use the fantastic new space as it is intended. It is a shame that we could not be fully finished for our little ones coming in but it will be brilliant by this time next week. Big thanks to Mr Saunders for working so hard over the summer to create this fantastic extra space for us.

More exciting news, work starts next week on a new astro-turf multi use games space on the school field. This will give us much more play space during the winter months and will provide a great area for PE lessons as well.

Consent and Medical Forms

Consent and Medical forms have gone out with pupils today and need to be returned to the school office by **Tuesday 14th September**. It would be brilliant if we could have all forms back by Tuesday.

Settling in meetings

There will be a chance for you to pop into school to see your child's teacher and to hear about how the children have settled into their new classes. We will also share some more important information about routines and activities that will be happening in each phase over the course of the year so please do try to come along. The presentations will take place on **22nd September at 3.40pm** and will then be repeated at 4pm to allow parents with more than one child to attend two meetings. We will try to make a creche available for this time if child care is an issue.

VIP Worship Time

VIP worship will start again next Friday 17th September. We are really pleased and excited to be able to invite parents into school again. Please could I ask that if you would like to come to VIP worship to see your child receive their certificate that you take a lateral flow test and wear a mask whilst in school. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend.

Mr Brown

