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Dear families,

I would be grateful if you could take the time to read this latest update. It contains information you need for the final weeks of this term.

Arrangements for the start and end of the day

Please note a slight **adjustment to the start and end times of the day for some year groups**. Having observed the playground for the past week I hope that by reducing the stagger times families will have less time to wait. I am also hoping that this small adjustment will not impact negatively on the number of adults on the yard at any one time but will ease the pressure on families waiting for children across many year groups. **This change will begin on Monday 22nd March.**

	Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Drop off time	8.50am	8.55am	8.50am	8.55am	8.50am	8.55am	8.50am	8.55am
Pick up time	2.55pm	3pm	2.55pm	3pm	2.55pm	3pm	2.55pm	3pm
Entrance	Church side	Church side	Church side	Church side	Cutnook Lane	Cutnook Lane	Cutnook Lane	Cutnook Lane

Covid – Key Messages

It is now 12 months since the first national lockdown and the wider closure of schools. I recognise the disruption caused to the children and their families during this time and I can sense the longing for a return to some normality. Unfortunately, covid remains within the community, and it is more important than ever that we all play our part in helping to limit the spread of infection. The increase in testing, including the availability of rapid flow tests, will hopefully help to locate infection before it has the chance to spread. However, this in turn could result in further bubble closures and disruption for the foreseeable future. It is therefore important to consider the following:

- If you or a family member display symptoms or suspect that your illness may be covid-related, **DO NOT send your child into school** until you have received the results of a **PCR TEST** which has been carried out at a test centre.
- Rapid flow tests **SHOULD NOT BE USED** if you have symptoms. These are designed to pick up asymptomatic cases and should be taken at intervals of 3 or 4 days. **If you have any symptoms, please arrange a PCR test at a local centre.**
- If you or a family member tests positive on either a rapid flow or PCR test, the whole family will need to self-isolate. However, you do not need to have your child tested unless they become ill.
- Maintain social distancing in and around school premises.



National Day of Reflection and Prayer

On Tuesday 23rd March, the Government have declared a day of reflection to mark the first anniversary of the first coronavirus lockdown. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have also asked that the day be observed as a 'day of prayer'. Schools have been invited to take part in marking this occasion. The children will reflect on this in school and will be invited to pray for all affected directly or indirectly. Please feel free to join us in this celebration by writing a prayer with your child to share on the day.

Parents Evenings

Parent's evenings will not take place until after the Easter break this year. This is to give teachers time to assess children after the period of lockdown and to gain a sound understanding of where they are up to in their learning journey. Parents will be invited to converse with teachers on a telephone appointment system. Further information will follow.

Nursery and Reception Admissions 2021

Over the coming weeks, parents will be notified as to the outcome of their application to Nursery or Reception in 2021. Reception and nursery applicants will receive notification from the local authority on 16th April. Induction meetings will be held late in the summer term, in the hope that the proposed easing of restrictions in June, will allow physical meetings to take place.

The Year of St. Joseph and the Family (March 2021-2022)

Pope Francis has declared this year (2021-2022) to be a special year to remember St Joseph. In school, we will be encouraging the children to look to Joseph for inspiration; appreciating his role in Jesus' life and his protection of the Holy Family. Pope Francis asks us all to look towards the life of St. Joseph and to learn from his humility and deep faith in the Word of God. We look forward to being able to share some of the work the children will be completing in school, throughout the year. It is particular poignant today as it is one of the feast days of St Joseph the patron saint of our school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes



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