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Dear Parents/Carers,

Return to school survey

Many thanks to those of you who completed this survey, we had 38 responses from classes right across the school. The headline figures were as follows:

- 97% of you felt school was safe or somewhat safe (32% somewhat safe).
- 84% reported that your child felt safe, secure and ready to learn whilst 13% were not sure. 3% said not.
- 55% of you reported that you felt that our school community was sticking to the arrangements strictly or quite strictly.
- Everyone knew the covid-19 symptoms and knew the procedure for what to do if anyone in their house was displaying these symptoms.

When identifying what the school community could do better, the overwhelming theme was around drop off and pick up time and social distancing. A lot of responses indicated that children were often playing and not staying with their parents. Most of these responses indicated that pick up time was the worst time for this. Some other responses expressed concern that some people were arriving early and/or leaving late which leads to additional congestion.

The final question about what more the school could do to make itself more resilient in the face of covid brought up many interesting points. Again there was much feedback about making sure that children are supervised at drop off and pick up times and that time slots were adhered to. There was feedback that suggested that parents should wait in cars in between opening and closing of bubbles and not wait in groups. There was a feeling that the 2m social distancing guidance was not always being adhered to.

There was a little bit of feedback about adults who work in school and the fact that some cross bubbles. It is the case that this happens in order for us to provide interventions, one to one support and class based lunch supervision although we have tried to minimise this. It is worth noting here that the arrangements that we have in place are in line with the government guidelines which express that adults can move around school in order to provide the most appropriate education. All adults working in school do maintain covid safe working practices including high levels of handwashing when moving around school and strict distancing between adults and whenever possible around our pupils. In this way adults who cross bubbles are very rarely in "close" contact with others.

There was some other aspirational feedback received which recognised that there were things that could be done but that were beyond the control of the school. These were things such as reducing the size of the classes by introducing rota systems and making facemask use compulsory.

Pulling all of this together, I think that there are some quick wins here for us as a school community. These are things that will help us to keep going as the infection rate rises and more importantly will help to keep everyone as safe as possible. As I said previously this will only work with your help and so I ask you to adhere to the following:

- Please stick to your allotted times for drop off and pick up.
- If you have a period of time when you have to wait, then please do so away from others. This is at least 2 meters but could ideally be in your car if you have driven.
- Pupils should be under the supervision of parents at all times and should wait with their parents. They should not be playing at the start and end of the day.
- As soon as you have dropped off or picked up then please leave the school site in order to keep numbers as low as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bill

Headteacher