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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

I do hope that you are all well.

#### Covid-19

As you will know, a number of positive Covid-19 cases have been identified within school. We wish to reassure you that we are following the government guidelines carefully by implementing safety measures including enhanced hygiene measures, ensuring classrooms are well ventilated, staff wearing face coverings and testing twice weekly. Further measures include temporary alternative lunch arrangements and restricted attendance at assemblies for classes with more several cases.

To help further, we ask that **ALL** parents coming onto the school site wear a face covering to help keep everyone safe. Please remember that you should only send children to school if they do not have any symptoms. If children do show any of the symptoms, they should get a PCR test, **not** lateral flow tests – these are only to be used to identify asymptomatic cases.

We are writing to parents each time there is a positive case within school. Please note that in a change to NHS processes, Test and Trace **will not** be contacting anyone under the age of 18 who has been identified as a close contact with a positive case. We advise parents to book PCR tests if you are concerned and think that your child may have been a close contact.

Please see below for reminders about this week's events.

## **Cross Country**

Weather permitting, we are hoping to go ahead with our whole school team cross country event tomorrow afternoon, 5<sup>th</sup> October. Each class will run a distance around the field suitable for their age and will be representing their school house teams. All children will need to come to school in their PE kit tomorrow.

Timings are as follows: We will begin with Reception and Year 1 and 2 children at 1.45pm. Our Year 3 and 4 children will run next at approx. 2.00pm and our Year 5 and 6 children will run at approx. 2.30pm. Parents are very welcome to attend to watch the children run and should bring something to sit on for the event (please note - blankets only, not chairs) and should socially distance from other parents. Parents can either come for the specified times or watch the whole event. Please keep an eye on your emails in the event that the weather forces us to cancel the event.

#### Harvest

Our Harvest celebration is taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October with a service led by Revd Alan Symonds for the children at school. We would like the children to donate non-perishable food items for our collection in aid of 'The Lord's Larder', who distribute to local charities. Examples of food items include:

- Tinned Tuna, Tinned Meat Pies
- Tins of Stewed Steak,
- Tinned Mince, Tins of Hot Dogs, Tins of Meatballs
- Tins of Corned Beef, Tins of Ham
- Jars of Pasta Sauce

- 80 Teabags, 40 tea bags, Coffee,
- Large and Small Packets of Cereals ie Weetabix,
- Cereal Bars
- Porridge Oats, Meat Paste
- · Packets of Biscuits,
- Packets of Cream Crackers,
- Small and large bags of Sugar,
- Cartons Long Life UHT Milk
- Cartons of Fruit Juice, Squash
- Jars of Jams
- Tins of Curry, Tins of Chilli Con Carne
- Tins of Mixed Vegetables,
- Tins of Peas, Carrots, Potato
- Tins of Sweetcorn,
- Tinned Ravioli,
- Tins of Beans and Sausages
- Tins of Spaghetti,
- Packets of Pasta and Sauce, Packets of Savoury Rice, Packets of Cous Cous, Noodles, Instant Potato, Cup a Soup
- Tins of Fruit, Rice Pudding, Jelly, Instant Custard, Instant Whip

We thank you in advance for your food donations.

## **Kiss and Drop**

We wrote last week to inform you that we will be opening the school gate at 3.15pm and we asked parents who are collecting children at the Kiss and Drop not arrive before this time, to help maintain a steady flow of traffic and cause minimal disruption in our local community. Thank you for co-operation with this. We also ask that all parents driving to school use the Kiss and Drop, rather than driving part-way to school, parking in nearby roads and walking children into school as this is causing unnecessary congestion.

As always, we thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes

Mrs S Svenson Headteacher