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Dear families.

I hope this finds you all well.

We are really excited to be able to welcome bubble 3 back to school on Monday. It has been so quiet without them all here! Staff, pupils and families have been amazing, engaging with home learning and making the best of the situation we find ourselves in. Class DOJO continues to be full of activities, ideas and communication which I believe have helped during the self-isolation period for this bubble. Huge thanks to all involved.

There has been additional guidance provided regarding the wearing of masks for children on transport that was released, well updated, yesterday.

In accordance with advice from Public Health England, we recommend that local authorities advise children and young people aged 11 and over to wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt. Coronavirus (COVID-19) usually spreads by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. When used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others.

Obviously all of our children here would fall into the exempt category so there is no expectation for this to be enforced for pupils over the age of 11. However, if parents and children wish to wear masks on transport then obviously they can. We would ask that that you provide a bag or a container for the mask to be put in when they arrive at school. This should be a container or bag that can be sealed. As I said there is no pressure for children to wear them as they are exempt but wanted to share this with you.

Next week marks the start of Mental Health Awareness week, we will be looking at this in school and thinking about ways in which we can all look after ourselves. This is more important than ever in the current climate. On the 9th October as a school we will be taking part again in Young minds fundraising event to raise money for young people's Mental Health. On Friday the 9th October we are having a non-uniform day and are asking that children and staff wear something yellow and make a suggested donation of £1 which will raise funds for Young Minds.

We are looking at the best way to host parents evening later this term as we are unable to offer face to face appointments. Once we have a plan in place we will share this with you.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Many Thanks

Emma Pearce



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