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Wednesday, 11th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

LOCKDOWN Information Update

I am writing to update you, following updated guidance received from the DfE on Wednesday 4th November 2020.

We have reviewed and updated our school Risk Assessment and this can be found on our school website. We decided to highlight the changes for you so it's easier to spot what is different since the last version.

The R rate in all areas is increasing significantly, and while we are doing everything we can to make our school safe for everyone. We continue to need your help to ensure our community is as safe as possible and that we prevent closures of year groups or bubbles.

What we are doing in school

In school, we are being extremely careful to maintain the correct social distance and have the following in place:

1. We continue to follow our staggered start and exits times. We request that parents avoid gathering outside of school. Please line up in the allocated areas and move away from the school site once your child's year group has been dismissed.
2. Classes remain in their year groups bubbles.
3. Lunches and playtimes are staggered.
4. Assemblies are conducted virtually in class.
5. Face to face meetings with parents will only be held if absolutely necessary and if other means of communication are not accessible, such as Microsoft Teams.
6. Visitors to the school are limited as far as possible.
7. Visitors will only be allowed into school if attending a necessary pre-arranged appointment or conducting necessary grounds and maintenance checks.
8. All visitors to our school will have to sign a COVID-19 agreement and be required to wear a face covering or facial visor.
9. When visitors are invited into school, they wear a mask especially when moving around the school and outside their class bubbles, wash their hands regularly, and keep socially distant from children and other adults when appropriate.
10. Children continue to wash their hands regularly throughout the day.
11. Staff are wearing masks when in meetings or when it is not possible to maintain a 2m distance. Additional cleaning continues to be in place and I would like to thank Kim and Robert for ensuring all safety measures are in place.

Parents can help by:

1. Wearing face coverings when dropping off and picking up children at the school gates. We ask that, unless you are exempt, please wear a face covering when you have to enter the school grounds. I know they are uncomfortable, but they really might help us to keep ourselves and the children safe in school.
2. Please maintain social distancing of 2m away from other parents where possible.

Love

Hope

Co-operation

Respect

3. Please DO NOT congregate at the entrances of the school. This causes congestion and makes some of our families feel very anxious.
4. Please email the office: office@grange.southwark.sch.uk if you would like to communicate with teachers, as they will not be able to have conversations with you at the gate or outside their classes.
5. If your child displays any Covid symptoms (continuous cough, high temperature or the loss of taste and or smell) please do not send them to school and have a test done. Please do inform the school as soon as possible of any positive results.
6. Please be conscious of others' wellbeing and safety by adhering to the school procedures.

Shielding

The DfE has been very clear in their guidance regarding shielding. All clinically extremely vulnerable pupils should have received a letter from their GP, hospital or National Health Service informing them to shield.

If your child has not received this letter, then they should attend school unless they display any of the Covid symptoms in which case they should isolate and follow the guidelines for households with a possible or confirmed case:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak#:~:text=Anyone%20who%20has%20coronavirus%20,life%20is%20at%20risk>

Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education.

Positive Covid Case

In the event that we do have a positive Covid case we will always follow the advice from Public Health England (PHE) and we will notify parents and staff if there are any actions that we should take. We are working on our remote learning opportunities that can be accessed on any device.

The new guidance is clear that wraparound care is able to continue. There will not be any changes to our breakfast club and after school club.

Attendance

Attendance expectations

It is vital for all children to attend school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development.

Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance has therefore been mandatory from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- Parents' duty to secure their child's attendance regularly at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age).

- Schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence.
- The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

We will continue to update parents as and when we receive information or updates from the Government, DfE and/or the Local Authority.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss the content of this letter or any other school related concern.

Yours faithfully,

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Mr Lorram Black

Acting Headteacher

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