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Sunday 1st November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we return to school after the 1-week half term holiday I know that you will be aware of the national lockdown facing us, announced by the Prime Minister last night. In this he described how the R rate needed to be lower and the concern over rising cases and deaths across the country. From Thursday 5th November there will be a period of national lockdown. Schools are exempt from this as it is considered vital for pupils to continue with their education.

At New York I am very proud of how families, staff and pupils have worked together, following protocols in an effort to minimise transmission of this virus. To date we have not needed to close any classes or bubbles and have managed to re-introduce breakfast club and extra-curricular clubs after school. Going forward it is my intention that we maintain the good practices that we have established but I must urge parents to follow school protocols upon return. We must remain tight with social distancing at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please read the reminders below

- It is imperative that parents do not congregate on the pathways or school yard (KS2 parents) at a distance of less than 1 metre.
- Please be **very clear** about your child's start and pick up times and do not arrive too early or late. **All school gates will be locked at 9.00am prompt.**
- If standing on the KS2 yard it is essential that parents stand 2 metres from other parents where possible.
- Please ensure that younger children do not play on equipment on the KS2 yard as it will have been sanitised at the end of the school day.

- When leaving the KS2 gate please ensure a distance of at least 1 metre from the parent in front of you.
- When dropping off or collecting pupils from KS1 parents must stand well back away from the double gates.
- Please do not approach staff at this time. If you need to speak to a member of staff please wait, socially distanced from others, until the class has been dismissed and ask to speak to the teacher at that point when the majority of parents have left the area.
- When collecting a pupil from KS2 please note that only 1 family member is permitted in the school yard. Staff will ask any additional members to wait outside school grounds.
- Do not send your child into school if they are symptomatic or have been in contact with another person who displays symptoms.
- Do not send your child into school if they have tested positive or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive.
- Do not send your child into school if they have been in contact with someone who is awaiting the results of a COVID test.

These protocols above have been in place since returning to school after the summer break.

Should you have any queries or be uncertain about any points above please contact the school office or your child's class teacher.

I hope over the half term break you and yours have managed to stay safe and well. We are disappointed not to be able to invite parents into school for the various events and activities that we host. As we were unable to hold a parent book look I hope you have enjoyed looking at 2 pieces of your child's work and talking to them about it. These were sent home with pupils on Friday 23rd October. I also know that many of you have enjoyed watching your child in their class Harvest video. This is an event where we normally welcome you into school to celebrate with us and watch our whole school assembly. Thanks to those of you who have provided us with some positive feedback about these activities. We are trying to involve families as best we can during these challenging times and will continue to think of ways to do so.

If you do not yet follow us on Twitter please consider doing so because this is a great way for you to be communicated with about what your child is doing in school on a daily basis and what activities are coming up. You can follow us on [@Newyorkprimary](#)

Thank you for your continued support. There continues to be some challenging times ahead but please be assured that New York Primary School staff and governors will follow Government and Department for Education guidelines.

We will maximise our effort to minimise risk to our pupils and the New York Community.

Regards

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