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Dear Parents,

COVID-related News

As I'm sure you will be aware, we had our first confirmed case of someone who had been on our site subsequently testing positive for COVID 19 reported last weekend.

I'm very pleased to report that everyone involved is well and all procedures ran as planned. Thank you to the families of the class affected for your speedy and appropriate response and also a HUGE 'thank you' to the staff involved for everything they are doing to facilitate the remote provision.

A few reminders/lessons learned:

- 1) We will attempt to give as much notice of a class closure as possible. However, given that a confirmed positive test can come to light at any time, it is essential that you have a short notice 'plan b' in place for childcare.
- 2) In the event of a confirmed case, we always liaise with Public Health England (PHE) in the first instance. Following this we would usually be instructed to:
 - i) Email a letter from PHE to the parents of the affected class and text them to make sure they know it has been sent;
 - ii) Send a separate email to the rest of the school for information
 - iii) Email the parents of the affected class during the morning of the first day to explain the remote learning arrangements in more detail
- 3) As a result of the above, please read any texts/emails sent from the school over the coming weeks/months as quickly as possible.
- 4) Our interactive remote learning package will be provided via Google Classroom. In order to be prepared for this:
 - i) Please ensure that you know how to log in to your child's Google Classroom account (this is the same procedure as to access their weekly homework and virtual parents' evenings) and is accessible through any internet enabled device (e.g. phone; tablet; computer; laptop etc)
 - ii) If you have no internet access, paper materials can be provided for the children. You will be encouraged to contact the school about this if/when the time comes.

Out of Hours Notification

As our first case was confirmed over the weekend, we have reflected on your ability to notify the school out of hours. As such from now, the following system will apply:

If you find out about a positive case during school time (i.e. 8:00am to 4:30pm):

Please telephone the school on **01590 674383**

If you find out about a positive case outside of school time (i.e. after 4:30pm Monday to Friday and weekends):

Please telephone our dedicated out of hours notification answer machine on **07871619484**. Once you have left your message, please email proof of the positive result (this can be done by either forwarding the email sent by the NHS or emailing a screen shot/picture if received via text message).

A member of staff will be in return contact at the earliest opportunity. As this process will be happening out of hours, there will be a delay. No further notification is required during this time.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

This number will lead to an answer machine on which to leave notification of a positive case **only**.

- For all other queries about school (including the reporting of non-covid absences or to notify us of a test in progress), phone the usual school number above.
- For advice about when to take a test, visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or telephone **111**
- For any other emergency, including a Safeguarding issue, telephone **999** as usual

Virtual COVID Briefing

Miss Morris (the Headteacher of the Infant School) and I will be hosting virtual Parents' Briefings on **Tuesday 1st December** at **11:00am** and **5:00pm**. The links for the meeting (including a request for 'any questions') will be sent out via email nearer the time and we anticipate the sessions will last for about 30 minutes. During the sessions, Miss Morris and I will attempt to work through any questions that have been submitted about the impact of COVID on our schools now or in the future.

As the content will be so similar, there is no need to attend both meetings. Also, for those of you unable to attend either of the meetings, there will be a written transcript of the 'Q and As' sent out to all parents in the subsequent days.

Christmas

We sent out a letter earlier in the week relating to Christmas events, including details about Christmas dinner. We have had a number of queries regarding how to let us know about your child's dinner choices. Ultimately, however is most convenient for you works well with us.

Ways people have done it so far include:

- Print out and return the slip emailed out
- Hand written note for your child's class teacher
- Email to the adminoffice@lymington-jun.hants.sch.uk
- Via the school office

Payment can be made in the usual ways: i.e. via the school office or your child's class teacher.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been anti-bullying week across the Country and in school. We have been talking to the children about what bullying is (targeted; intentional and persistently hurtful) and how to deal with it. In order to re-enforce this message at home please discuss what bullying is with your child; how to tell the difference between bullying and 'falling out' and how to deal with it. The options we encourage for this are:

- 1) Tell an adult (home or school)
- 2) **Most powerfully:** For all the children to unite together against bullying. Together we can make sure that if bullying is seen by anyone in the school, it is heard about by everyone and challenged appropriately.

Final Reflection

The work we have done this week in school linked to anti-bullying has enabled us to reflect on the strength that comes from uniting together, particularly in times of challenge. United we stand; divided we fall.

With very best wishes to you and yours. Keep safe.

Dan Twyman,
Headteacher