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Dear Parents

First of all, I hope you are well, and enjoying this prolonged summer as much as the children at school. Today I am led to believe is the last official day of summer. I have my fingers crossed that the next few weeks are as sunny and warm as the last one.

Relationships and Sex Education Policy

I'd like to share with you our new RSE policy and offer you the opportunity to comment if you so wish. Here is a link in order for you to do so:

<https://sway.office.com/fVHdqW1kHwGDPO7>

The policy has been created by staff, but takes into account the statutory and non statutory implications, for teaching and access to this part of the curriculum. It has many components which are therefore what you would expect in any school policy for RSE, but we have made it bespoke to our schools too.

Covid -19

The new September term always brings children back to school with enthusiasm and excitement, but it also is an opportunity for 'normal' illness to strike. As society has opened up more over the last few months, we are seeing a lot more of these illnesses in school. Today all three of our schools are reporting that there are children off with sickness, including sore throats and coughs.

There are, unfortunately some isolated cases of children and their parents becoming poorly with COVID. We will tell you if your child has been in direct contact with someone who has tested positive.

As a precaution though, please do not hesitate to give your child or yourself an LFT test, if they are unwell. I would advise if they continued to feel unwell, to use this online service

<https://myhealthgroup.co.uk/coronavirus-information/use-the-111-online-coronavirus-service-to-find-out-what-to-do/>

If your child displays any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (also found on the link above), you should arrange for a PCR test for them

Government Guidance

It is clear that we must try and operate our schools with as little disruption as possible. I have always strived to have a pragmatic and safety conscious approach to all of the staff, children and families in our community.

Handwashing is still a huge priority for our staff and children. I feel that if children wish to wear masks, and can do safely, then they may exercise this right. We are keeping our communal gatherings eg Assemblies, to those held in class. We also try to keep the school as well ventilated as we can, and will continue to do, despite the imminent colder weather.

I hope to see you 'on the gate soon', and as always, I thank you for your support.

Take care,

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted.

Brett Stevenson

Headteacher