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Children at the heart, inspiring futures'

Friday 25th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in KS1 have been working hard on a community project this week, and have created a fantastic scarecrow for the Willow Edge Scarecrow Festival this weekend. The theme of the festival is 'heroes' and our children chose to make this fantastic scarecrow of Captain Tom Moore and a nurse following their 'Nurturing Nurses' topic, acknowledging the wonderful work these heroes have done over the past year.



This week, we also welcomed our CEO, Mrs Vickerman, in to school for a socially distanced visit. She was impressed with the learning behaviours shown by our fantastic children and their focus and determination. Well done everyone!

Covid restrictions

Unfortunately, we have had to close another bubble this week due to a child testing positive for COVID-19 within our school community. We have rigorous cleaning schedules and control measures to try to minimise transmission within school. It is vitally important that if your child is displaying symptoms, you do not send them in to school. If your child is displaying symptoms, or if they develop symptoms whilst at school, you must organise for your child to receive a PCR test (not a lateral flow or rapid 30 minute test). If your child has been sent home from school due to displaying COVID-19 symptoms, we cannot accept a 30 minute, lateral flow test as proof of a negative result. This requirement is stated in government guidance. More information can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/>

We are seeing results from PCR tests becoming available within 24 hours and so should not result in extended periods of school absence if a negative result is returned.

Can we politely remind you that if your child is self-isolating, either due to their bubble closing or awaiting test results, they must remain at home.

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

Seesaw and Microsoft Teams

If your child has to self isolate, all their learning will be posted on Seesaw. If you need your child's login details, please do not hesitate to email the school office or speak to your class teacher. In the event of a bubble closure, live lessons will be streamed via Microsoft Teams. If you require a laptop in order to access these sessions, please let us know so we can arrange a device to loan for the duration of the closure.

Social Distancing between bubbles

A number of parents have come to teachers this week with concerns that children from separate bubbles are mixing before and after the school day. Within school, we put every precaution in place to keep class bubbles separate and to minimise contact between different groups of children as much as possible. Please can we politely ask that this is adhered to at the beginning and end of the school day by not letting children play unsupervised on site, before and after school.



Miss K. Lea, Headteacher