



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and recuperated after our half-term break. As I am sure that you are aware, the government announcement of a four week lock down until 2nd December 2020, does not affect schools and academies. We aim to run as normally as possible, and we look forward to your continued support in ensuring everyone's safety and well-being.

I just wanted to reiterate our [Risk Assessment](#) measures and to highlight some changes that I feel will further increase our protective measures.

Our community worked tirelessly during the first half of the autumn term to implement and carry out the safety measures we have in place. Consequently, no positive cases were identified and we were fortunate not to have had to send any groups home to isolate.

The following are a reminder of the most important guidelines that are in place to protect the health and safety of everyone in our community.

- Please only enter the academy premises when invited to do so by a member of staff.
- Please do not arrive at the academy before the start time and finish time for your child.
- Please follow the one-way system when dropping and picking up in reception and key stage one.
- Please follow the social distancing guidelines whilst you are waiting.
- Only one adult should enter the main entrance with each child.
- Please only enter the academy office if absolutely necessary. Remember you can telephone us or e-mail us with any enquiries.

In our classroom we are:

- Washing/sanitising our hands more frequently.
- Ensuring that enhanced cleaning procedures are in place.
- Ventilating rooms where possible.
- Issuing children with personal stationery, desk space and chair.
- Grouping children and ensuring that there is minimum contact between groups.

To date the wearing of face masks has not been necessary for primary aged children and it has been optional for staff. However, in advance of any updated official guidance for the lockdown period, and in order to provide additional reassurance, we are asking all staff to wear face coverings in specified indoor communal areas.

To support our actions, we also ask that parents and carers, where possible, wear a face covering while on academy premises with immediate effect.

Additional safety precautions include:

- Visitors will be limited on site with only essential visits going ahead.
- All visitors will be required to wear a face mask.
- Staff meetings will take place remotely.

The change in guidance means that some staff are required to work from home. Where this is the case, teachers will teach their classes remotely supported by staff in school.

I hope that this provides you with an insight into some of the things that we are doing to keep our community safe. This list is not exhaustive but rest assured that we are following Government guidelines and our measures are reviewed weekly or when policy changes. Our staff team are always here to help so please do not hesitate to call or email us.

Attendance is vital to your child being able to fulfil their potential and we will do all we can to support you and your family attending school. At present all children are expected to attend and there has been no suggestion as yet that any child should remain at home due to the national lockdown. If, however you do have a confirmed case of Covid-19 in your household, or you are awaiting the results of a test, please call us immediately on 01522721156 to enable us to make the necessary arrangements for you and for our academy. If your child is isolating due to a positive case, then remote learning will be provided during their absence. This will be via Microsoft Teams so please ensure that you log on to access the assignments.

If you find that over the next few weeks, you are struggling with anything, then please get in contact with us. We will do our best to help or to work with you to find the right support. Remember that a problem shared is a problem halved.

That just leaves me to say that everyone here at Waddington Redwood is delighted to be back and we look forward to a strange but exciting term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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