Dear Parents and Carers

Parent/carer school re-opening update

We are at the mid-way point of the start of our first term back together as a school community. The students have been superb and have adapted very well to all of the new ways of working that we have introduced and I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for supporting us in ensuring this positive start.

You may be aware that over the last week Corby was added to the government surveillance list as an “area of concern”. As a school we have our procedures under constant review and we will make adaptations where necessary if we feel that such changes will keep students and staff safe. Face coverings have also recently been introduced and student response to this has been fantastic, I am really proud of our school community. To further support this scheme, we will be providing every child with a set of three washable face masks for their own personal use. These new masks should replace face coverings that have been used to this point unless unable to do so. To further support the need for face coverings in areas where mixing with others outside of their bubble is unavoidable, the government have also released a new ‘Hands Face Space’ campaign.

There have been some cases in the local area recently where schools have had a member of their community test positive for COVID-19. As a consequence, those schools have acted on advice from Public Health England and groups of students have been asked to isolate at home. In the event of any member of our school community testing positive we will follow these same procedures. School staff have developed contingency plans to support remote education should we need to close the school to groups of students. If we have to enact these procedures you will be notified by text and e-mail using our normal school systems.

As a reminder, in order to keep the school community safe, it is essential that all families follow the stay-at-home guidance issued by the government. Government guidance issued to schools makes it very clear that in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 that we must ensure that we “minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school”. In addition, if a student comes into close contact with a person who has tested positive they must also self-isolate for 14 days.

You must not send your child into school if they have any of these symptoms even if you feel that any such symptoms relate to another illness. We are happy to advise any parents who are unsure so please contact us on enquiries@brookeweston.org and someone will be in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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