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Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

I hope you and your families are all well and that you've had a great summer. It's been a fantastic start back to the new year. Your children really are a credit to you and to the school. They've settled down to their learning and there has been a fun and friendly atmosphere on the playground. I've told the children that it's been a great start and they need to keep this up – aiming high together! We're very optimistic about the new school year as a staff team and hope that it is going to be a more settled one than the last two school years.

Confirmation of Arrangements for Collection and Drop Off at School

First of all, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to parents for your excellent co-operation with drop off and collection routines at the beginning and end of the school day. Punctuality has been excellent and the orderly queues have helped get children in out and of school safely. I am aware that parents collecting Year 2 and Year 3 children are having to stand far back down the queue and onto Rodney Hill which is causing some congestion and making it difficult for children and parents to see one another. To reduce this problem, please could parents of children in Y2 and Y3 do the following from Monday:

1. Please could parents of Year 3s stand along the side of the school building at the end of the school day and Year 2 parents continue to stand along the boundary wall as you do currently as shown by my wonderful assistants below. **Remember to leave a space in the middle for children to walk down.** (If you have children in more than one class feel free to choose which row to stand in.):





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2. Once parents have been united with all the children they are taking home, please could you leave the school grounds promptly and could parents move up the line as spaces appear when other parents leave. Thank you.

Please remember that you will be able access and leave the school grounds from any gate in school. **However, you will not be able to go through the Reception outdoor area to get to the rear of the building.** Please make your own arrangements for collecting **Y4, Y5 and Y6 children**. If you feel that your child is independent and responsible enough, you can ask them to walk around the front of the school building to meet you if you are collecting younger children. Alternatively they could walk across the field and playground around the rear of the main building. Parents of Y4, Y5 and Y6 children are welcome to wait inside the first gate of the main pedestrian entrance off Rodney Hill. Please avoid crowding around the road side pedestrian gate near the bus stop. Thank you

What to do about Covid Cases

Following new government guidelines, schools no longer need to contract trace and therefore when we are managing potential Covid cases in schools, it is very much about working with the individual child and their family. If your child has one or more of the following symptoms:

- A new persistent cough
- A change to their senses of taste and smell
- A fever (high temperature)

they should not come to school and you should phone the school as soon as you can. We encourage parents to then get a **PCR test** for their child. If a PCR is negative, children may be able to come to school however their symptoms might mean they are not well enough to do so and/or that they may have another highly infectious disease. If the PCR test is positive, the child needs to isolate for 10 days from the start of the symptoms or longer if the symptoms persist. Similarly, if you do not give your child a PCR test, they should isolate for 10 days or longer if the symptoms still continue.

If you think that your child has one of the Covid symptoms above because of another long term disease or condition, please get in touch with your GP or contact NHS 111 and then contact the school.

Government and NHS advice now states that children should continue to come to school if a member of their household has Covid symptoms or has a positive PCR test. **For the safety of the school community however, we do recommend that your child has a PCR test in these circumstances.**

Sports Clubs are back!!

We have a whole array of sporting clubs coming back to school now that class bubbles are no more. We are trying to run them outdoors as much as possible to reduce the chance of Covid transmission and also because we think that's a good thing in itself. Miss Ruddleston has been bombarding me with plans and ideas this week. Most of the opportunities will be for older children at the moment. **All the details will be coming in individual letters** but I want to raise awareness of them now. Here are a list of the clubs we have arranged for the autumn term:

- **Running Club** This club will take place every Thursday for Year 2 to Year 6 pupils. We want to build fitness throughout the Loxley community and therefore we welcome parents to attend too with their child. The cost





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of the club is £3 per child but if a parent attends and supervises their child, both they and their child can attend free of charge. There will also be cross country competitions across the city for Y3 to Y6 children to take part in if they wish on Saturday mornings. Thank you to Mr Berridge for his support with this.

- **Netball Club** This club takes place on Tuesday after school and is for Year 5 and Year 6 girls only club as the girls will be training for girls only competitions across the city. We hope that there will be opportunity for boys and girls basketball/netball competitions later in the year. Thank you to Miss Village (a big netball enthusiast) for helping Miss Ruddleston when she can with this club.
- **Football Club** This club will be on Wednesdays and is for Year 3 to Year 6 boys and girls. Thank you to Mrs Capper who will be helping Miss Ruddleston with this club. As well, the club which is for all children who want to join, some older children will have the chance to compete in girls' league and a boys' league which I hope to be helping with too.
- In addition to the after school clubs the Y5 and Y6 classes will have the chance to do cycling proficiency training again this year.

Kind regards,

James Connolly

