



11th September 2020

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another busy week, I thought I would share with you a review of the week and any further information we need to communicate.

We continue to ensure that the measures outlined in our risk assessment are followed to keep all our pupils and staff as safe as possible. This involves lots of handwashing and hand sanitiser throughout the day and class bubbles remaining together without mixing. We are also following government guidance by encouraging pupils to social distance as much as possible although this is not an expectation for younger pupils. We would very much appreciate your support by talking to your children about not touching others where possible.

As restrictions tighten across the country, it is really important that we continue to keep our school community as safe as possible. From next week the staff welcoming your child into school each day will be wearing face coverings and we are asking parents to do the same please. At the beginning and end of each day, there are many adults on site and if we all wear face coverings, we are adding a small additional measure to our efforts to keep everyone safe. Thank you in advance for wearing your face covering on site.

We are aware that some pupils have been sent home from a local secondary school to self-isolate for 2 weeks. Please note that this **does not** mean that siblings in our school also need to isolate. They should come to school as normal. However, if the older sibling who is isolating starts to show symptoms (a persistent cough, a temperature or loss of smell and taste), you should inform us immediately, as at that point the whole family will need to isolate for 14 days, including the younger sibling who attends our school. If at any point your child demonstrates any of the above symptoms, do not send them to school and access a test. Once the test has come back negative, they are welcome to come back to school as soon as they feel well enough. Please note that any pupil or member of staff displaying symptoms at school will be sent home and asked to gain a test. If any member of the school community is given a positive test result, we will follow Public Health England advice in relation to future action such as closing bubbles and advising isolation.

We are delighted that we were able to hold our first school Mass this morning but under very different circumstances. Mass will take place weekly but will be for one class only to ensure that the integrity of the class bubbles remains. All pupils will remain socially distanced from the priest and will sit on chairs rather than the floor. Hand sanitiser will also be used on entry to the hall.

Please note that pupils should wear full school uniform on PE days as we are only changing footwear for PE lessons at the current time. This is part of our Covid-19 safety measures. Tracksuits and PE kits should not be worn on PE days. Thank you.

Thank you to all parents who are sending their children into school in full school uniform. Our pupils look really smart. It has been noticed however, that a small minority of children are wearing trainers rather than school shoes. Please ensure that your child is wearing school shoes and not trainers. School uniform is very important to our school community and gives pupils a sense of belonging and pride in their school. School shoes are an important part of their overall uniform. Thank you for your support in this matter.

I have recently had a phone call from a concerned resident about parking outside of school at the end of the school day. Please park considerately when dropping and collecting children ensuring that drive ways and dropped kerbs are not blocked and that zig zags are kept clear for everyone's safety. Thank you for your consideration.

Next week you will receive the overview for your child's learning this term and a welcome leaflet from your child's class teacher. This will provide you with information about the year ahead for your child and allow you to see what topics and themes will be covered in each subject. If you have any questions, please phone school to speak to your child's teacher.

I am delighted to be able to inform you that there is a new addition to the Moxon household. I am sure you will join me in sending our best wishes to all Mr Moxon's family on the arrival of Chloe Moxon last week.

A reminder that the postponed First Holy Communion (current Y4) and Confirmation (current Y7) have now been rescheduled. First Holy Communions will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10am at St John's Church. Confirmations will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at St John's Church. Please keep all the children receiving these special sacraments in your prayers.

**Journey In Faith** is a chance for parents and others to learn more about our Catholic/Christian faith. It has often been popular with parents from our school. It starts in a few weeks and is mostly online, which should make it easier but there will be a few face to face meetings too. If you want to know more about the faith (maybe some are even considering becoming Catholic?) then email [alex@tamworthrc.church](mailto:alex@tamworthrc.church) for a chat.

Yours sincerely,

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