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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are well. The DFE has made very little change to the guidance it has produced for schools other than for secondary school pupils no longer needing to wear masks in classrooms. We would ask that all parents/guardians, or visitors on the school grounds continue to wear a face mask. As it stands, the systems we have in place i.e. staggered start/end times to the school day, mask wearing in communal areas for staff, bubbles for each year group and their staff, more frequent cleaning etc. are still set to remain in place until the end of term, whatever is happening in the wider community. One explanation for this is that 80% of school populations remain un-vaccinated (i.e. the children) and if restrictions are lifted on the 21st June is it worth the risk of potential disruptions so close to the end of term? We will keep you updated as soon as anything changes.

We have reached half term without any disruption to children's learning which is a really promising sign. However, as a reminder that the virus is still out there, yesterday, a primary school not too far from here on the edge of Chester had to send home two bubbles (over 100 children and staff) to self-isolate for 10 days. Once again schools are being asked to continue to play a role in contact tracing staff and pupils over half term holidays, since the contact tracing extends back 2 days before a person develops symptoms. In practice, this means that your child could still be asked to self-isolate if we receive news of a child/staff member developing symptoms at any time up to midnight on Sunday 30th May, who then goes on to test positive.

Please note the following:

- **Until midnight on Sunday 30th May** If your child develops Coronavirus symptoms (or tests positive with an LFD test), please inform the school as soon as you can, using the email address (admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk) and book a full test (PCR) immediately. Please then let us know the result of the test, using the same email address.

- We may need to contact year groups and ask them to self-isolate for 10 days in the event of a positive test. The timing of this will depend upon how quickly any test results are returned. Most results are returned within 48 hours so in theory the latest you would hear about the need to self-isolate would be Tuesday 5th April.

- **After midnight on Sunday 30th May** you do not need to contact the school if your child develops Coronavirus symptoms (or tests positive with an LFD test) but book a PCR test as normal and follow any instructions from Test & Trace that you may receive.

PSHE

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the survey on our new PSHE curriculum. All documents related to the curriculum can be found under the "Parents" tab on the school website.

General

Remember to pre-order your child's school lunch on School Grid for when they return on 7th June. A quick reminder that the school lunches have increased in price to £2.25, this was from 12th April and was communicated before Easter.

Please ensure your child comes to school with all the items they need for the day, including a coat. This helps avoid additional visits to the school site.

Congratulations

Well done to Jackson and Jacob who both recently passed their Grade 2 Piano exams.

Internet Safety

Just another reminder to keep up to date with what your children are doing on the internet, particular if they have access to smart phones. There is help available if parents are not confident using technology and don't know how to ensure parental controls are in place.

Our Police Safer School's Partnership offer these top tips:

1. Set time boundaries over access to technology and for young children ensure they are visible to you when using technology, i.e. not alone in their bedrooms.
2. Have a technology talk with your child, discuss expectations and behaviour online before they get a device and have regular follow up talks.
3. Encourage your child to be open about their online activity, they should be praised/rewarded for sharing any problems they encounter for themselves or their friends, rather than punished.
4. Know the passcode to your child's devices and carry out frequent random checks.
5. Don't allow your child to know the app download password, parents/carers need to be in control.
6. Keep technology out of the child's bedroom (especially at night).
7. Apply parental controls via the home wi-fi account and/or mobile phone provider account if your child is old enough to use social media, all accounts should be set to private.

There is also lots of information available online at the following websites:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Dates for the diary.

9th June – Year 4 Burwardsley Trip
14th June – Year 5 Swimming begins – 4 weeks
24th June – Reception – School Health – Hearing & Vision
28th June – 2nd July – Year 6 – Bikeability
6th July – Year 6 – Manley Mere Trip

Other events such as the Year 6 show and whole school sports day will still go ahead either with or without a live audience and we will adapt if the guidance changes.

I sincerely hope that the children can continue their learning without disruption during the final half-term.

I hope you get a chance to venture out, catch up with friends and family and enjoy some new found freedoms (obviously within the rules!). We look forward to seeing everyone, safe and well, on Monday 7th June.

Yours sincerely,

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