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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are in good health.

We have received a letter from the Director of Public Health, Ian Ashworth asking schools to put in additional measures to help prevent further spread of the virus, this is due to a significant increase in positive cases within Cheshire West and Chester. The letter is attached to this email. The key differences are that from **Monday 28th September:**

- **All adults to wear a face covering when visiting or entering the school premises including all outdoor areas – i.e. the playground, inside the main gate entrance or inside the village hall gate entrance**
- **All staff to wear face coverings when they come out to collect children from pick up points**

The letter also emphasises that only one adult should attend at pick up and drop off time and that people should arrive and leave promptly. We will ensure that all gates and doors are opened in a timely manner.

The children are unlikely to be upset by seeing parents and teachers wearing face coverings as they are now so familiar with them when they are out and about in the community. I should also emphasise that staff will generally not be wearing masks or face coverings in school, apart from when dealing with first aid, dealing with a pupil who has symptoms of the virus or in some circumstances when they are working one to one with a child.

It would be really helpful if from Monday, children from all classes have a pair of welly boots in school (please ensure they are labelled clearly with the child's name and are in a plastic bag). We still intend to use the field and wooded areas throughout the term and inevitably they are likely to get muddy.

It will be great to have the year 6 and the staff back, safe and well, on Monday after their period of self-isolation. I know this has not been an easy time for anyone – parents, staff and children.

You are probably familiar with the contact tracing app which the government is keen for everyone to download. Details are attached to this email. Waverton School will display a QR code at its entrances and it can be scanned by all visitors using the app when they arrive in school.

The School Health team are planning to come into school on 9th December to deliver the nasal flu vaccine, this will include all year groups. Further information about this will be sent out from School Health closer to the date. Also a quick reminder about the importance of the 48 hour rule for children suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea. In line with Public Health Guidance, any child with these symptoms should remain at home for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea episode.

Can I ask parents to ensure that their child come to school prepared with lunch bags, coats and water bottles and where possible, arrangements for collection are in place prior to the start of the school day? The school is trying to limit the office staff having to enter the class bubbles where possible.

And finally one of the highlights of the week for me was being stuck in the middle of a freak hailstorm at the bottom of the field, with the year 4 children during their lunch break. Luckily we able to find shelter in the outdoor classroom although my ears are still recovering from all the screaming!

I will be in touch again soon.

Yours sincerely,

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