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Risk Assessment Update

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for signing up to our (virtual) parents' evenings this week; our teachers have enjoyed sharing your child's learning with you and continue to work with you to best support your child going forward.

As we have shared many times this term, we are pleased to have welcomed back all our children safely and successfully so far this term. However, there have been and continue to be many challenges! I am writing to keep you updated about any changes to our whole school risk assessment.

Since returning at the start of September we have maintained class bubbles. This has allowed identified adults as needed to move between classes within a year group or across the school and has proved successful in keeping our community safe. We have managed to open up our Breakfast Club from the beginning of term and a new After School Club with small numbers of children, which has so far been very safe and successful.

We will continue to liaise with parents regarding this provision and we will work hard to continue to increase the safe capacity of these clubs. We have also been working closely with Premier Tennis and Integr8 Dance to start up their sports clubs. The children using these clubs have enjoyed attending and are benefitting already from the fun and physical activity they provide.

Lunchtimes continue to prove tricky for us to balance appropriately the time given for children to eat, minimising risk, contact between groups and providing time for them to play outside. All our staff are continuously risk assessing throughout each school day, and beyond, to mitigate risks throughout your child's time in school and look to enrich their learning and experiences as much as possible.

After October half term, in line with our original risk assessment and if we have managed to continue to mitigate risk successfully in school; I am pleased to say that we continue to have the capacity to keep classes as 'bubbles' rather than year groups. Our Year Rs and Year 1s operate in a Year group bubble during lunch time play which has been very successful both in terms of their educational provision and social development.

What would happen if we received notification of a confirmed pupil case?

Over recent weeks you may have heard of local schools that have received confirmation of positive COVID-19 cases. Please rest assured that if we are made aware of a pupil that has tested positive at Nightingale Primary, we will alert parents as soon as we are able and advise of the necessary next steps. I would work closely with Public Health England to minimise risk whilst ensuring the school continue to offer a face to face education for as many children as safely possible and those that need to isolate would be able to access their remote education via ClassDojo. It is the school's expectation that children self-isolating and well, will need to complete their remote education until it is safe for them to return to school.

Whilst it is likely that a bubble would need to isolate if we have a confirmed case, the siblings/family of the confirmed case would also need to isolate, however any siblings of children in the isolating bubble can continue to come to school. In this case, we would organise a sibling drop off system so that those in isolation would not come into contact with anyone else. This is in line with current government guidance

Thank you

Thank you for your continued support; we recognise some of the control measures in place are inconvenient and not easy, but it is the hard work we are all putting in that has so far kept everyone safe.

Please can we ask parents to carry on supporting us by continuing to:

- Arrive at the drop off and pick up points for your child at the correct time only and minimise waiting around in busy areas. Again we realise that families who have siblings will need to wait.
- Ensure children stay by your side whilst waiting, rather than running around with their friends; this can cause distress to other families who are trying to socially distance whilst waiting. Thank you for being respectful of others. If preferred, please do wear a face covering on our playground.
- Take bikes or scooters home with you if your child is Year R-5.
- Wait outside the school office when arriving to collect children outside or normal collections times.

Thank you for supporting us with all the measures in place.

As you will see from this half term's newsletter due to go out soon, we are trying to put in place as many 'normal' events in our calendar as we can.

We have set dates for our Year R and KS1 nativity, although are planning for this to be delivered via virtual means. More details to follow...

It is so important to all of us at Nightingale that we offer an engaging, exciting and full curriculum despite all pressures and our staff are working hard to ensure this happens throughout our school.

Yours sincerely and with best wishes,



Mrs Hannah Beckett
Headteacher

