



Together We Learn and Grow

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Dear parents and carers

I hope that this letter finds you all well as we continue to be challenged with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in many ways. It has been such a positive few weeks since our full opening on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, welcoming back all pupils and seeing them all back in classrooms learning with one another. Your support with the new arrangements, particularly around drop off and collection times has been excellent and demonstrated how well we all work together in support of our GSP children.

On Friday the government and local council announced that from Tuesday we will be placed into a local lockdown. You will have no doubt read much over the weekend to understand what that means for us all as residents. With regards to school, we now must implement a few more minor adaptations to our procedures. We have today issued a letter from the CEO of The Challenge Academy Trust (TCAT) detailing some procedures that will be implemented this week. The main additional measures being that:

- **All adults wear face coverings when visiting or entering school**
- **School staff should wear face coverings when they come out onto the playground during drop off and pick up times.**

Other reminders include measures we have in place that we ask must be strictly adhered to in supporting safety across our site include:

- Only one adult should enter the premises for drop off and pick-up
- Arrive and leave promptly when dropping off / collection your child
- Please do not congregate and please maintain social distancing – as we know that the virus is easily transmitted when people don't keep distance from others
- No children should be accessing the trim trail through the closed gate
- Please join the red path in a space, rather than cutting across the playground, to support with pacing between adults
- As you move behind the school on the one-way system, please keep to the path and ensure your child is with you at all times, maintain a space between others and ensure that your child is not running ahead or up the hill.

As there has been a rise locally, we have seen some schools across Warrington report positive cases. Fortunately we have not been in that position yet, but I have no doubt that there will be a



case within our school community at some point. Rest assured we have clear measures in place to act swiftly and take the necessary steps needed in line with Public Health recommendations. This week we have further amended some of the measures in school to support reduction in contact between children. This has included a slight change to lunchtime arrangement to keep children in class bubbles, within their phase bubbles. All these changes are to support in reducing the risk of spread and therefore reduce the risk of the number of children that would have to self-isolate if we were to have a confirmed case.

## **Home / Remote Learning**

We have already seen some children being required to self-isolate for a range of reasons. It is important that those having to stay at home undertake remote learning. Parents will be aware that during lockdown we utilised Google Classroom and Zoom. This will be the case once again, however we have improved our offer further to include more teacher pre-recorded lessons along with live Zoom class sessions delivered by staff. There is a two phased approach to our remote learning that includes an approach for individual children self-isolating and whole class / phase bubbles being required to self-isolate.

We have introduced a 'remote school timetable' to follow should class bubbles need to self-isolate. For individual cases self-isolating, work will be uploaded to your child's account on a daily basis. Pupils will be able to access Google classroom work from their teacher, however, it is important to recognise that staff are likely to be teaching across the day so responses will not be immediate.

This week pupils will receive 'refresher' training on Google classroom and a 'Help' video will be posted onto the website under Curriculum, online learning. If parents require assistance with this, please contact your child's teacher or email [remotelearning@greatsankeyprimary.co.uk](mailto:remotelearning@greatsankeyprimary.co.uk)

To support with 'keeping warm' on Google classroom, all homework will now be shared through this tool as well as other areas such as spellings, topic webs, knowledge organisers etc. We would encourage all pupils and parents to log into the Google Classroom regularly to ensure that this becomes a normal routine in the event of self-isolation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children and staff for their positive approach and hard work since our return. It is a new way of working for us all and they have embraced and adapted to the new procedures so well. I would also like to thank you once again for your ongoing support, understanding and smiles on the gate! We continue to work in unprecedented circumstances that continue to change but the one thing that has remained constant is the wonderful community team spirit we have and our commitment to mitigate risk whilst providing the highest of educational provisions for all our children.

Kind regards



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