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Dear Parent/Carer,

It now feels like we are getting into some good routines and things are starting to feel a bit more 'normal'. It is however important that we absolutely follow the guidance relating to social distancing and also good hygiene including handwashing. There is so much in the news about infection rates increasing.

Thank you to the majority of parents who are socially distancing – we do have plenty of room for this to happen on the site. Can I remind parents that your child/children must be next to you at all times – they should not be running around and must not be climbing on any benches or going on any play equipment including the trim trail. Once you have collected your child/children, then please leave the school site immediately.

We are aware that parents understandably get worried when their child starts coughing. The cough which is a symptom of COVID is a dry cough which is persistent and doesn't produce phlegm. There is often an associated barking or coarse sound. Please follow the flowchart on our website for further advice.

Due to the lack of COVID tests, it is inevitable that sooner or later there will be some disruption in our school. We will try to keep this to a minimum. Our priority is to keep everyone safe and alongside this, to ensure the best possible learning experiences and opportunities for your child.

You will have noticed that many children went home with a maths and English workbook on Friday (apart from Year R and Year 6). These books are to be used if your child has to isolate or we go into a lockdown. Thank you for the very appreciative comments about the workbooks. We will of course continue to use Microsoft Teams for live lessons if a Year Group bubble has to isolate or if we have to go into lockdown. We will also be using Teams to share some home learning ideas.

Year 6 Parents Only – Although it seems a long way off, it is now the time to start thinking about secondary schools. The Kent site for this is now open for you to make your choices. Unfortunately, I will not be able to do a session explaining this as I would normally do.

Please follow this link to a power point which explains what you need to do with regards to selecting a school for Year 7. This information is also on our website. If you require support or advice on this matter, please phone the school office and I will be more than happy to advise you.

<http://www.sflt.org.uk/chantry/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2020/09/Secondary-Transfer-meeting-2020-21.pdf>





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A big thank you to those parents who completed our latest online survey which was very positive. It really is important for us to know what we are doing well and what we can improve on.

Yours sincerely,

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