

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

The last few weeks have been a difficult time at our school. We have now reported 19 positive cases, most of which are staff. Some of our staff continue to self-isolate and are unable to come back to school. We wish them well and hope they can fully recover from the virus. This is affecting the reopening of our school, as we are unable to fully staff lunchtimes and certain year groups. We hope we can resolve this as soon as possible.

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November we welcome back the following children:

Nursery - Normal hours

Reception - 8.50am drop off **3.00pm** pick up. This is because lunch time has to be reduced due to staffing.

Year 2 - 8.45am drop off 3.15pm pick up

Year 3 - 8.35am drop off 3.05pm pick up

**At this time, we are unable to staff Year 1** and so we hope to welcome back year 1 on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but we continue to prioritise the safety of everyone in our community.

Children in years 4, 5 and 6 will also return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The children in these bubbles should continue to isolate until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. This means they should stay at home and only be in the house or garden.

Remote learning will be provided for the children who are at home. We have been thrilled by the response to the work posted on seesaw. Please limit your posts to one per lesson. It is amazing how everyone has adapted so quickly to registering on teams, this has really helped us. Admittedly, there have been a few teething problems and we are working hard to resolve these issues and provide the best service we can.

We continue to follow the Government guidance, HMI recommendations and MAT directives to make our school as safe as possible. We act on information regarding cases as soon as we receive it. Decisions about closures and reopening are made when information about testing and cases is received. Unfortunately, sometimes this does not give us much time to inform you of any changes we have had to make. Please inform us of any cases as soon as you can. If anyone in your household has symptoms of: a continuous cough; a high temperature; or a change or loss in taste or smell; they should go for a test. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home.

At the moment our front desk remains unmanned due to staffing so we ask that you continue to direct any enquiries to [GCA-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:GCA-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk) and we will respond from there.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



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