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Dear Parents

From Monday 17th May, new guidance will come into effect for schools, in line with the Government's Covid-19 roadmap. Whilst we acknowledge there are significant changes to people's everyday lives and greater relaxation of restrictions, the government's expectations for schools remain largely the same as they have been.

Face masks

There is no change to the mask recommendations for primary schools. Staff and school visitors should continue to wear masks in areas where social distancing is not possible, such as corridors and communal areas. For parents, we are encouraging facemasks to be worn when entering the school grounds and they are not able to socially distance. From Monday, we will allow parents opportunities to meet face to face with staff in school, if necessary, and in those meetings facemasks should be worn. These meetings may be for discussing arising concerns or relaying important messages; alternatively phone calls/teams meetings are still preferable.

Visits & trips

As we have started this term, we will aim to organise visits and trips within class bubbles. These will continue to have risk assessments that include COVID-19 mitigations.

General

Our current Health and Safety measures will remain in place from Monday 17th May :

1. Parents, children and staff should continue to follow guidance to test and self-isolate if they display symptoms and should not attend school;
2. Parents and staff to ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances (as noted above);
3. We will routinely organise for children to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual;
4. We will promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach;



5. We will maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often;
6. We will maintain social distancing wherever possible and **class bubbles** will continue at this time (we will review this week beginning 24th May);
7. Within school, occupied spaces will continue to be well ventilated;

We appreciate the feedback regarding class and year group bubbles. Whilst a majority of families were in support of expanding the bubbles, we respect the views and opinions shared at this time by those who are concerned by the changes and as such we will review this week beginning 24th May.

Thank you for your continued support and as always. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at enquiries@haywoodvillageacademy.org.uk

Yours faithfully

Craig Jones
Principal

