

9th Sept 2020

Coronavirus – Partial Closure Queries Answered – Sept 2020:

Dear Parents,

Firstly, thank you for the vast majority of supportive comments that have come through following the decision that was taken to isolate some groups of children. I understand there will be a range of feelings of anger and upset and want to assure you that we are continuing to do our very best for your children whilst following official advice. My apologies for the late notice of the decision however we were bound by advice taken from Public Health England. We are continuing to work closely with Public Health England and the Local Authority.

I wanted to update you with a few answers to some queries.

Staffing

We are trying to continue to run the school as best we can during this difficult time however the office will not be manned all the time. The best way of communicating with us will be via email at office@highgate.leics.sch.uk

Parents with siblings of year 2 in other years

Several parents have queried if siblings of children in Year 2 should attend. I have been back in touch with Public Health England today, who confirm the guidance that we have given is correct. Only those who have come into direct contact with someone with Covid-19 should be told to self-isolate. Siblings will not have come into direct contact and so should be coming into school. **Only if a member of your family begins to show symptoms should you isolate members of the whole family and notify us as a school.**

Attendance

It is still the expectations of the government that if your child can come to school, they should.

You should only keep your child off if you have been told they should self-isolate (or if they are ill etc). If you choose to keep your child off because they are worried, unfortunately this has to be marked as unauthorised absence.

Work being sent home

Teachers will be uploading work to Class Dojo and will be closely linked to work that other children will be doing in school. You may use Class Dojo as a way of sending a message to your class teacher however please understand that we are working as a very skeletal staff and they will be working directly with children in school. We will endeavour to upload work onto Class Dojo by this evening. Please be patient with us as we upload this. **Each teacher will communicate with you as to how and when work will be uploaded and class expectations.** As teachers have different planning afternoons, please note there may be some difference.

Should school be deep cleaned?

As we have been working in zones, the areas that have been affected have been closed down. The rest of the school remains unaffected. The zones affected have been thoroughly cleaned.

Not receiving emails

A small number of you have not received emails. If this is the case, please check your Junk Email or Spam box to see if it has gone there. If it still hasn't arrived, please call the office and leave a message on the answerphone and we will try to rectify this as soon as possible.

Payments for Breakfast Club & Dinners

A small number of people have asked what happens to bookings for breakfast club or lunches. Please do not worry about these. We will carry these forward so you don't miss out.

We will keep you updated as we have further information.

Kind regards

Mr T. Jenkinson
Headteacher

