



Monday 9th November 2020

Dear Families,

Looking after Lonesome

I am very aware that it has been a week of heightened uncertainty and upset for many Colliers Wood residents and the local community, as a result of two incidents that have involved two young people. I am very much working in partnership with the police, local authority and Siobhain McDonagh, our Mitcham and Morden MP, to ensure that what we all communicate to our community is based on evidence and is fundamentally putting the safety of everyone at the heart of what we action.

What I would always recommend that you do as families of our school is to ensure that you do not frighten your children by sharing what we as adults may know and understand but support them in understanding key safety messages when travelling to and from school. We will be doing this all week as we plan to teach the children about 'Being Bright and Being Seen'. Not only will we be exploring the importance of being seen in the darker winter months but we will also support the children in understanding what helps them feel safe when walking to school, especially if they are walking alone.

You will be making your own plans I am sure for ensuring your child's safety on their journey to and from school and please may I urge you to be firm about your expectation of them coming straight home and perhaps not meeting up in the park with their friends. This period of lockdown and those all-important restrictions at this point in time should be that opportunity for firmer expectations.

I thought it would be useful to share the most recent National restrictions poster for your reference. This can be found on this link: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-restrictions-poster?utm_source=404427ac-77ab-430b-af39-9a4e783e42b4&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate



I would like to thank you all for carefully considered safety measures at this point in time.

Pupil Achievement Review Day

Our first Pupil Achievement Review day was a real success, particularly in terms of the contact that was able to be made. Our engagement on PAR Day was **92%**, which demonstrates quite clearly that this way of communicating about your child can work. I hope that you were all able to access some of your child's learning and hear about how your child has settled and what the plan for them to progress will look like. I am aware that many of you were asking about the organisation of the school day and when some 'normality' may resume. The most recent Government guidance for the full opening of schools is expecting all schools to organise the school day, keeping children in year groups. This type of organisation will not change, whilst this





is the expectation until Government guidance changes. The winter and spring months are highly likely to be affected by the pandemic so I am certainly not making any plans as yet for any change to the timings of the school day. This is a very challenging time for schools and we are just pleased to get to the end of each week without a positive case of the coronavirus within our community, ensuring that everyone is fit and well. We do hope however that we may be able to organise some sort of face to face meeting for you in February 2021 and resume a few more face to face family partnerships.

May I please remind all Foundation Stage families to return their family partnership proforma and **all** families to ensure that our Partnership to Success Agreement is signed and returned too.

All we ask for now is that you keep abreast of our communication that will predominantly be 'virtual'.

Homework puzzle and Curriculum information letter

You will have all received your homework puzzle and Curriculum information letter at the end of last week to ensure that you know what your child's project theme is. Please do send that homework into school as and when it is completed, as the staff do display it all in the classrooms for the children to enjoy. Thank you.

Attendance update

I am very pleased to be able to report that our attendance percentage last week continues to be strong at **94%**. Well done to everyone.

Have a lovely rest of the week and I will be in touch soon,
Mrs N Bull
Chief Executive Headteacher





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