

7th September 2020

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see the children back in school last week. They also were pleased to be back with their friends and teachers.

Many of you have expressed concern about sending your children to school if they have a cough or a cold. The main symptoms of COVID-19 in children are:

- **A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)**
- **A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)**
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal**
- **Additionally, stomach cramps; and diarrhoea and sickness may also be a symptom.**

If your child has any of the above symptoms they must not come to school and must get tested as soon as possible. If your child is suffering from the common cold but is otherwise feeling well they should continue to attend school. Sometimes the common cold is accompanied by a cough. If the cough is not as described above, then your child may attend school. However, if you are at all concerned your child has COVID-19 symptoms please ensure they are tested immediately and keep the school informed.

Thank you dropping your children off promptly and at the allocated entrance. I appreciate it will take a bit of getting used to and for those of you with children in different Key Stages it may mean there is some waiting time. Please ensure you observe social distancing at all times during drop-off and pick-up. In school we have organised the school day so class bubbles avoid contact with others outside their bubble. They also have contact with as few adults as possible. Social distancing helps prevent the spread of COVID-19 so please maintain a 2m distance between families. There are some links on our website to videos with the latest advice on travelling to school with a particular emphasis on COVID-19 precautions.



Finally thank you for your patience and understanding during these first few days – the children’s return seems to have gone fairly smoothly but of course I don’t want to speak too soon! As you are aware during this pandemic things happen very quickly and changes to routine often have to be made at short notice so I may be asking for your flexibility in the future and I thank you in advance for that.

If you have questions or concerns or just need clarity please contact the school via email admin@greatwaldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk or phone on 01787 374055.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs T J Hosford

