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Dear Parents / Carers,

Open Classrooms next week – guidance on safety and Covid-19 precautions

We are planning on going ahead with our 'open classrooms' invitation for next week, but I must remind parents / carers of the expectations and arrangements to reduce the risk of virus transmission as far as practicable.

No one should be on-site if they are showing symptoms of the virus, or have been instructed to isolate.

Staff having been using LFD Tests since last academic year. LFD Tests (home test kits) are freely available to all households. Please use one prior to your visit, and only come if that test is negative. This is not an essential event – we are offering a chance to visit so that any anxious parent or pupil may briefly visit the cloakroom and classroom their child now uses. We want to keep numbers in school low and so we are not expecting every parent to use the opportunity.

To allow rooms to ventilate fully we will bring the children out of school at the end of the day as usual. If you do want to come in then you will be welcome to return with your child from then and up to 4:30.

We do not anticipate any parent / carer will need to visit on both afternoons (Monday and Wednesday) when we are opening.

Handwashing on arrival is a routine for the children – please use the handwashing facilities available (or use hand sanitiser).

Face coverings are not required but would be appreciated.

This is a visit to familiarise yourself with the cloakroom / entrance, classroom and where your child works each day. It is not Parent Consultations (to be held next half term) or a chance to look through books. Therefore teachers have been instructed not to put out any books, work or presentation – that will come later, hopefully.

Each classroom will have a one-way system – in through the cloakroom and out through the Fire Exit – to minimise contacts and household mixing. Your child will know the way!
The Risk Assessment for this event will be posted to our school website.

I appreciate that these are not 'normal' arrangements for such an event, and that they may cause some issues for some parents. However we remain fully committed to public health and continued education – these small measures are necessary for us to be able to make this invitation.

I hope we will see some of you in school next week, and all of your children!

Regards,
SR Jones



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