



24 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Update on Covid**

We have been extremely lucky here with the low numbers of students who have tested positive for Covid. We have therefore agreed that if a child in a family tests positive via a LFT their siblings can come into school unless at any point their LFT also returns a positive result. It will be important for families to test more regularly if there is Covid in the household.

It is also important to say that LFT can return a false positive result – in other words, the person is not suffering from Covid but the LFT shows that they are. That is why it is crucial that everyone goes for a PCR if their LFT shows a positive result as it might be that they can come into school if the LFT is incorrect. Time in school for all children is so important after so much learning time lost.

I would also like to reiterate that if you have any concerns regarding Covid vaccinations that you take this up with Public Health not school.

### **Biometric data capture consents**

We have almost all biometric consent forms back from families – thank you! If you have still to send your form back can you do so by the end of next week please (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October). If your child will never buy food from the canteen they won't need consent of course, so please let us know if a nil return is due to this rather than you being unhappy from an ethical point of view with biometric data on your child being collected.

### **Kindness, community and inclusivity**

As you all know we have three values we are working on this year since our return from successive lockdowns and Covid restrictions.

#### **Kindness**

We are particularly focused on simple politeness at the moment. This can be anything from opening a door for another member of the school community, saying hello when someone greets you in school, saying thank you when someone has helped you, or please when you are asking for something, for example in the canteen. We know all of our students can do these simple things that make our school a much happier place to be.

#### **Community**

I don't know about you but litter is something I detest seeing anywhere, but especially in and around our community here in Banbury. I have never really been able to understand why an individual would think it is



acceptable to drop items anywhere. Generally, we have been so much better with using the bins around school this year but it pains me to see the cans, bottles, wrappers and packets that our children drop on the way to and from school. We ask that you remind them as frequently as we do that dropping litter is not acceptable in any way. The residents of local roads and estates do not want to see litter in their gardens or on the pavements.

### **Inclusivity**

Whilst the vast majority of students in our school community are accepting of differences and welcome others who are not the same as them, we still have a few students who are struggling to meet our expectations in terms of the language they use about others. This could be in the form of racism, homophobia, transphobia etc. We will be tackling these important subjects again in assemblies over the next few weeks. We want to ensure that every student who attends our school feels that they are safe and will not be abused in any way due to their colour, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity etc.

### **Ruskin Road and collecting students from school**

We ask that parents do not drive onto the school site to collect their children at the end of the day. It would also be really helpful if those fetching students avoid Ruskin Road beyond the Wykham Place turning. We have over 1000 students leaving the school site now and their safety is paramount. We have decided that the science block will now leave site after period 5 via the side gate so that there is less congestion at the main gate.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Thomas'.

Sylvia Thomas  
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