



4 January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I want to reassure you that we are looking forward to welcoming back your children tomorrow and are ready to help them feel safe and cared for.

We understand that in the current climate many of you and our pupils may be feeling anxious about the return. It is a complex time and we must endeavour to be considerate to one another, thoughtful and kind. We have updated our school's risk assessment (available on our school website under Our School, Safeguarding). Safety protocols and adapted hygiene procedures have been enhanced to ensure that, as far as possible, the risks are minimised whilst still providing the children with a fun, inspiring and nurturing curriculum.

Some of the key changes are explained below:

- School staff will now be wearing either visors or masks when they need to work more closely with pupils, so please inform your child to prepare them for this. When teaching from the front of the classroom they may not wear a mask/visor as social distancing guidance will be in place.
- Continued ventilation of classrooms will take place, so it would be appropriate that all children wear a jumper in school so they can maintain a comfortable temperature. If your child does feel the cold, then please make sure they have a base layer/vest on as well.
- We are now requesting that all parents/carers wear a face covering during drop-offs and pick-ups. This is not compulsory but will provide a level of reassurance to others and fits well with our aim to show consideration to one another.
- More additional cleaning will take place this term and regular touchpoints such as door handles, light switches and bannisters are being cleaned even more often.
- Please remember that we wish to reduce the number of visits required to our school office. Therefore, instead of coming into our reception area, email, phone, post a note through our letter box or speak to a staff member through the external office window at the side of the building.

I am so proud of the way all the staff and all our pupils have handled the challenges this academic year. They have shown resilience, strength and compassion throughout and continue to do so. I know that as a community we will get through this next challenge by working together and communicating with each other. Please contact the school office if you have any concerns or additional needs at this time.

In the meantime, please adhere to social distancing regulations at school drop off and pick-ups, wear masks and keep to your family groups. I will continue to keep you updated as and when government and local guidance changes.

Importantly, if anyone in your household has symptoms of coronavirus, do not send your child to school, but instead follow the NHS guidance. In this situation, please notify us immediately through office@cjsdorset.org or calling 01202 485579.

The main symptoms of coronavirus 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.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Fuller
Headteacher