Denmead Infant & Junior Schools



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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the prime minister's announcement last night that the further easing of lockdown measures is to be delayed, we thought it would be helpful to share our thoughts for the rest of this term. We had hoped that if social distancing measures were removed that we may be able to hold face to face meetings for the parents of children due to start school in September 2021 and to possibly include the parents in end of term activities. However, these are now not going to be possible. We will still make sure that parents have all the information prior to their children starting in September, whether at the infant or junior school, and will make sure that the children in year 2 and year 6 mark the end of their time with us in some way.

The risk assessment which has been previously shared with you and which is on the website requires no revision as we will be continuing with all the measures we currently have in place. Children will continue to work and play within their year group bubbles, all additional hygiene measures remain in place, as do staggered starts and finishes.

To support us with this we ask that you continue to abide by the following:

- Only one adult should bring/collect a child from school
- All adults should remain at least 1m apart when outside •
- Parents/carers are asked not to congregate at the school gates at the beginning and end of the school day - this is a particular issue with year R parents waiting at the back gate to wave their children off. We ask that you move right away from the gates when you leave
- Ensure children arrive on time and not too early either
- Follow the one-way system at all times we are aware of a small group of parents who when they are running late are coming in the rear gate. Please take the time, as the vast majority of parents do, to come round to the Hambledon Road gates
- Ensure that if you need to come to the office that you wear a face mask, alert the office team by pressing the buzzer and wait to be invited in.

We really hope that these measures will not have to remain beyond the end of this term. However, if we receive any guidance before the end of term which suggests that we will need to continue in this way in September, we will let you know. The whole Denmead Community has pulled together in the most amazing manner over the past sixteen months and abided by all the requests we have made. Thank you so much for all your support and encouragement through these challenging times.

Best wishes Jane Clabon Andy Clarke Head teacher

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