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Dear Parents and Carers

We are properly getting into the swing of our new term now and new ways of learning and playing. Your children have been incredibly adaptable and they are an absolute credit to you.

As you can imagine much work went into ensuring that school could be as COVID safe as possible. The children remain in their class bubbles and don't mix with other children at any point in the day. We are very much hoping that we won't have any more confirmed cases, but this way of organising the school means any disruption would be for as few pupils as possible. We have plans in place to quickly switch to remote learning if necessary.

Pick up and drop off

Again, huge thanks for your flexibility and support for the start and end of day procedures. Now we have all of our children in school I've managed to make a few tweaks and resolved most of the problems. If you are still having difficulties please contact me at school and we can work together to find a suitable solution.

Please can I remind all parents and carers about social distancing in and around the school grounds. We know that virus spread is much more prevalent from adult to adult and we all need to work together to keep our school community healthy. Please keep a safe distance from other families both when using the one way system and when waiting within the school grounds. I must insist that face coverings remain in place whilst on the school grounds for those who are able to wear them. Can I also please ask that children wait with their parent or carer and do not play around the school grounds.

You may have noticed the school is currently without a Crossing Patrol; this is a vacant position that Bury Council are actively trying to fill. It is unfortunate that the school is now receiving almost daily complaints about unsafe and illegal parking/stopping outside of school. The yellow zig-zag lines outside schools indicate the length of road where stopping a vehicle or waiting within it is strictly prohibited. We will be forced to request the assistance of Bury Enforcement Officers if things do not improve.

Health Update

The difficulties around testing seem to be improving and I know that where necessary families have been able to access tests. Please can you ensure that your children are tested if they show any of the Coronavirus symptoms and are kept at home until you have a result. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high 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

Tests should only be booked for those showing Coronavirus symptoms, and not as a precautionary measure. If you are unsure please call NHS111 or visit <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

Flu vaccinations will be available for all children who completed online consent from Reception to Year 6 on Monday October 12th.

Parents' Evening

We are very conscious that we are missing the usual contact with parents at the start and end of each day and it is much more difficult for teachers and parents to get to know each other. We are sorry to confirm that this term there will not be an opportunity for a Parents' Evening, however we will be preparing a written report per child.

If you have concerns about your child, please send a message to contact@heatonparkbury.com and the class teacher will happily give you a call.

And finally...

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE can you make sure that your child's belongings are clearly named. This includes; cardigans, jumpers, coats, bags, water bottles and lunch bags/boxes. We need to make sure we can get lost items quickly back to children. We are unable to store lost property; un-named items will be disposed of. Please ensure that your child is not bringing any unnecessary items to school.

With best wishes,



Mr P Lord

Autumn Term Diary Dates	
Monday 12 th October	Flu vaccinations – whole school
Friday 23 rd October	School closes for half term
Tuesday 3 rd November	School reopens
Friday 20 th November	Pupil reports shared via SeeSaw
Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas holidays