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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term. We are at another turning point in the school year with a full return to school to look forward to and prepare for. There have been many changes to routine over the last year and each time I feel we all develop the stamina and skills to deal with them. There will be a few letters sent to you between now and 8<sup>th</sup> March, as information is updated and prepared. The important thing to remember is that the systems will be broadly as they were before Christmas. But that probably seems a long time ago now for most of us, so the letters will be reminders of our procedures, rather than introducing anything new.

### Positive cases w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> February

We have had no positive cases this week.

### Safeguarding

This is a reminder that our **3 Designated Safeguarding Leads** are:

Mrs Westall – Headteacher

Mr Tolson – Deputy Headteacher and SENCO

Miss Wood – EYFS Lead and Nursery Teacher

Our **Parent Support Advisor** is Mrs Derer, who works at Mousehold on a Monday and Tuesday and at George White Junior School on a Thursday and Friday.

We work well together as a team and support families who might be struggling, or need some support for different reasons. We also work 1:1 with children who need time to talk to a trusted adult and we also work with external agencies to find the right professional support for each child or family. If you have a safeguarding concern or question, then always talk to one of us. Every day there is a DSL on site, during school closure and when we open more fully.

**If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours then the number to ring is:**

CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service - **0344 800 8020**.

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## Return to School

A letter was sent to you on Tuesday this week explaining that school is reopening in full on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The school day will be as it was before Christmas. You have also been sent a REVISED Parent Handbook, along with the newsletter. Extracts from it are below but please also read the handbook.

A reminder of the timings of the day are as follows.

Class Bubble	Year	Timing of day
Barn Owl	2	8.50am – 3pm
Raven	2	8.35am – 2.45pm
Kestrel	2	8.50am – 3pm
Skylark	1	8.50am – 3pm
Swift	1	8.35am – 2.45pm
Swallow	1	8.50am – 3pm
Greenfinch	R	8.35am – 2.45pm
Goldfinch	R	8.35am – 2.45pm
Chaffinch	R	8.35am – 2.45pm
Kingfisher	N	Normal times for sessions AM and PM. 8.30am or 12 noon.

It is also important that:

- Face coverings are worn where possible.
- At least 2m distance between parents on the playground.
- Parents do not enter school beyond the entrance foyer.
- 1 family in entrance foyer at a time.
- Parents arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before your child's start or collection time.

It is important we all stick to this for our systems to be as safe as they can be.

## Whole School Challenge #3 – launched earlier in the week

We are excited to launch the Mousehold Whole School Challenge #3 - 'Guess the story'

In celebration of all the great reading and love of stories at Mousehold, we warmly invite you to take part in this challenge.

Can others guess what your story is by the items you show us? Take a look at the story box videos on Facebook... can you guess the stories?

All you need to do is gather things from around your house that may appear in your favourite story, or draw them. It doesn't have to be in a box! The idea is to try and keep us guessing! Then send a short video or photo via the school office, VLE or Facebook. We look forward to being story detectives.

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## Join us to celebrate World Book Day

This year we are celebrating World Book Day with a virtual whole school assembly. We would love for you to dress as your favourite book character and join us for a special assembly at either 10am or 11.15am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, via Zoom.

Staff and children in school will be dressing up and we hope you will be dressing up at home too. There will be lots of fun activities on year group VLE pages, all aimed at celebrating and promoting a love of stories.

A Zoom invite will be sent out to you next week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall

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