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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful having the children all back to school. They have settled so well and are happy to be back with their friends. The bubble system is still working well. We have enjoyed 2 whole school assemblies this week via zoom. This has helped the children feel part of a bigger school, rather than just their bubble. Today we celebrated achievements in the assembly.

Positive cases w/b 8th March

We have had no positive cases this week.

The system still remains the same as before. If we have a positive case of covid with a member of staff or child then we will ask everyone in that bubble to self-isolate for 10 days.

Friends of School

We have had some interest from a few of our parents in starting up our **Friends of School Committee** again. If this is something that interests you then please let the school office know by **Friday 19th March** and we will organize the initial zoom session for ideas to be shared and plans made. I think it is still possible for fundraising to take place, but not in the style of pre-covid. We continue to be grateful for any support parents and carers can give to the school to raise money that directly supports the children in school.

Safeguarding

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**.

Well done to our school community eco warriors

A group of our children and parents have been working hard during school closure in helping tidy up and clean the Sandy Park area. This shows great respect for our local environment and will help make Sandy Park an attractive and safe place to play. Well done team!

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Outdoor play equipment

You will see that we have taped off the large climbing frame. It is being used during the day by a different bubble each week. Please do not allow your children to play on this before or after school. We have taken the tape off the stage and pirate ship. This is being used by one bubble at lunchtime; so again, please don't allow your children to play on it before or after school.

Parking

Please can parents and carers park safely outside school and avoid parking on the pavements. It can be really difficult for families with small children to walk past a parked car and sometimes it can be quite frightening when a car pulls onto the pavement in front of them. With the staggered start and end times to the day this should naturally ease congestion outside the school gates. I have made the local council aware of this issue and they are going to help us tackle it too. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dog fouling

Please be mindful of where your children are standing on their walk to school. There has been some dog mess directly outside school. This has been reported to the council. We urge parents to also report it if you are concerned about this problem. We have raised this before and if we all play our part in reporting our concerns it should hopefully make a difference.

The link to report dog fouling is here:

<https://www.norwich.gov.uk/reportastreetissue>

Comic Relief/Red nose day 19th March – Wear Red or White to school.

We would like to mark this day as we know the excellent work that comes from the money raised:

Red nose day donations help tackle important issues such as homelessness, domestic abuse, hunger, mental health stigma, all have which been impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic.

We understand that some families might not be able to donate any money this time due to financial pressures related to Covid. So we invite your children to wear **red or white** on this day to raise awareness and if you would like to donate a small amount of money, this can be put in the bucket at your child's door on their arrival to school. We will quarantine the money raised for 72 hours before counting it.

Thank you for your encouragement and smiles as we have started the return to school this week.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall

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