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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the summer term 2020 – a strange and alarming start to a term that we shall never forget! We enjoy so much looking after the children who currently do attend, but miss and never forget the vast majority of our pupils and families who are not with us in person! Please rest assured that you remain in our hearts and thoughts! We do so hope that all of you and your extended families and friends remain safe and well.

## Communication

We hope that you are managing to engage with the school's on-line learning and with class teachers whenever you need to. We appreciate how difficult and frightening the current situation continues to be, and that for some families there may be financial worries and/or emotional issues that are arising from being in lockdown for so long. We urge you to contact class teachers in the first instance on Class Dojo if you are finding your circumstances overwhelming. We will do whatever we can to help you and to make contact with other agencies if necessary and possible. Please do not suffer in silence! Please note that to ensure social distancing, both school offices are unlikely to be open simultaneously from now on. However, one or other office will be open, so please try both if you need to call the schools for any reason.

## Safeguarding

In relation to the above message we want to make you aware that Norfolk Safeguarding Children's Partnership has launched a new campaign aimed at keeping young people safe in these stressful times. It is called 'SEE SOMETHING, HEAR SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING' and we urge you to be aware of any of the following in your local communities:-

- Aggressive or repeated shouting
- Hearing hitting or things being broken
- Children crying for long periods of time
- Very young children left alone /outdoors by themselves

These are all signs that a child could be at risk. If you are ever concerned by something you see or hear, please ring 0344 800 8020 and in an emergency telephone 999. The message from the local authority to us all is to help keep Norfolk's children safe!



### Health alert

You may have just heard that the government is concerned about a new and possible coronavirus-related inflammatory illness which is presenting – albeit rarely - in children. The government is at pains to reassure parents that coronavirus generally does not affect children as seriously as some adults, but doctors are concerned at the symptoms some children are experiencing on admission to hospital. Therefore we urge you to be alert and aware of the following symptoms:-

- Becoming pale/mottled/feeling abnormally cold to the touch
- Irregular breathing/pauses in breathing/grunting
- Severe breathing difficulty
- Going blue around the lips
- Becoming agitated or unresponsive
- A high temperature/having a fit/seizure
- A rash that does not disappear
- Tummy pain/vomiting/diarrhoea

Of course, these symptoms usually are a consequence of far less serious illnesses, but in the current circumstances it is best to be informed and extra vigilant.

### Summer term/return to school

We all want to know when children will be able to return to school and it appears possible that schools may re-open before the end of the summer term in some way. We, like you, are waiting for further guidance on this, including what measures we will be expected to take if we do open and we will inform you as soon as we find out further details. We know you will be concerned about transition to junior school, classes for September and end of year reports/updates on your children's progress and we will find ways of managing all these necessary matters before the end of the term.

Please continue to take good care of yourselves.

Yours sincerely

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