*“Together we inspire one another to live life to its fullness, rooted and built up in Christ, so that every member of our school community can learn, develop, flourish, to live in the world as the unique individuals God created us to be.”*

Dear Parents/Carers 09.06.21

We have made the most of the excellent weather on return to school, holding many of our lessons outside. It feels like summer is here! Please remember to send your child to school with sun hats, and sunscreen applied as appropriate, during sunny weather.

This week we have had a growing number of children feeling unwell, particularly with tummy ache and sickness. The recommendation from PHE (Public Health England) Lancashire is that if your child is unwell they have a PCR test. If the result is negative, they can then return to school if they are well enough. You would need to email the negative test result through to school. Lateral Flow Tests are not accurate enough for children and so cannot be used as a substitute for a PCR test.

A local primary school has been faced with multiple COVID cases which appear to be due to the new variant. The previous letter from Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of PHE for Lancashire County Council is a timely reminder about how cautious we still need to be in these times.

Please be extra vigilant over illnesses and do not send your child to school if they are unwell. According to PHE (in relation to the Delta Variant,) as well as the familiar COVID symptoms of a cough, high temperature or loss of taste and smell, children should not be sent into school with cold symptoms, especially a sore throat. As you are aware, diarrhoea in children is also a recognised COVID symptom. If children arrive in school and appear unwell, we will have to send them home.

Despite the cautious approach we need to take, we are still providing as many of our wider curriculum opportunities as we safely can. Today Year 3 had a visit from Marcus, a Roman soldier, and Year 6 are having a fencing session as I write! I will be in touch with details of other activities. We will not be having parent spectators at Sports Day but we will make sure that each Key Stage has their own special event, cheered on by their friends.

Many thanks for your continued understanding, support and for continuing to wear masks on site.

Take good care

Mrs S Bashora