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Thursday 1st October 2020

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Dear parent/carers,

We have been so appreciative of the way our school community have worked with us over this period of time. This is a special snippets to ask for your on-going support and to explain some of the requests coming from school.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Public Health England is telling us that the best way we can minimise risk in our community is excellent hygiene practice and social distancing. In school, we are doing everything that is practicably possible to keep Year Group bubbles apart. We are also seeking to educate our older children to socially distance where possible.

We recognise that the start and end of the school day are pinch point times. However, **for the safety of staff and vulnerable families we urge all our parent/carers to help us by Socially Distancing 2 metres apart when waiting with or for children at the beginning of the school day.** Please use both sides of the road and use the markers along the fence as a guide. The lack of distancing by a few is causing anxiety for some parents and for staff. We hope you can help. Please could we politely ask parent/carers not to smoke/vape at these times due to the confined environment and the health of others.

Due to the need to social distance we are asking that children be accompanied to school at this time. If you have children going to two different gates, older children can walk round unaccompanied at the correct time when a teacher is on the playground.

We really do appreciate your help in these matters.

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PLAYING IN THE COMMUNITY

We are receiving a number of reports of some anti social behaviour in the local parks and large groups of children meeting. We have encouraged our children to make sure they are not following any negative examples of older children and to always speak to parent/carers about what is happening and to take themselves away from difficult situations. We have also re-iterated the social distancing restriction of groups of only 6 people at the moment. We would ask parents/carers to reinforce these messages to our children. We would also ask parent/carers to support us in following social distancing guidelines in order to minimise risk to staff in school and those most vulnerable in our community

CHILDREN'S BAGS

We are aware of some concerns re the school request to bring carrier bags.

The reason for this is that the cloakroom areas are very cramped - see photos below. Before Lockdown it has been an on-going problem where bags/belongings would end up on the floor and need to be picked up. At this current time we are trying to minimise needing to touch each others property/equipment and we are encouraging bags that we can easily wipe down and clean.

Any bag that is wipeable, not to large, and long and flexible rather than wide would be suitable/acceptable. Bulky bags cause us a problem. Children must not bring any unnecessary items and should not have more than 2 bags as described in the initial return to school letter. The size and flexibility of a carrier bag does fit the purpose and we would ask you to keep this in mind. We would also ask you to work with us if we send any messages home about the suitability of items brought to school.

We want to work with you where we can so we hope the information above will help.

We cannot thank you enough for your on-going support in these difficult and strange times.

Kind regards,

Mrs Pearson and all the SJB Team

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