



Sunday 1st November 2020

Parent Update – Start of term 2nd November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are already aware, the Prime Minister has announced new national restrictions from Thursday 5th November. COVID-19 case numbers are rapidly rising across the whole of the UK and in other countries. We are being asked to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives. Measures include not mixing with any other household, working from home where possible and non essential shops and services being closed. Further information on the new national restrictions and what they mean can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

School will remain open and all children are expected to attend unless they are self-isolating. The Government has prioritised the wellbeing and education of all children. We will continue to follow all of the measures in our risk assessment (which can be found on our website) to make our school as safe as possible. It is very important that parents continue to follow the measures that we put in place at the start of term in September. Here are a few key reminders for tomorrow's return:

- **Only one adult may bring and collect their child/children from school**
- **Please follow the one-way system in and out of school for arrival and departure**
- **Please avoid loitering on or around the school grounds (this includes the Village Hall carpark)**
- **Please do not arrive early and stick to your child's year group arrival time**
- **You will not be able to access the school building so, if you need to deliver a message to your child's teacher, please call the school office on 01507 327393 or email us at enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk**
- **Please ensure you are socially distancing at all times from other parents. This includes standing on a spot on the playground and entering/exiting the school site whilst maintaining at least a 2m distance between you and all other people around you.**

I am sure you will agree that it is so important all of the above measures are followed so that we have the best chance of being able to share Christmas with our families.

I have also been informed today that there has been another confirmed case of a member of staff with COVID-19. I have, once again, liaised with Public Health Lincolnshire and followed the national guidance. As the member of staff has not been in school since 22nd October, no further action needs to be taken. The member of staff will continue to self isolate at home, for at least 10 days from 30th October, when mild symptoms began.

Main symptoms of COVID-19

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature. This means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)



- A new, continuous cough. This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. This means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

If your child or anyone in their household develops symptoms, everyone in the household must self-isolate and the person with symptoms should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date of their symptoms beginning. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

We are living through a very tricky time and, by working together as a school and as a community, we will get through this together. We are really looking forward to seeing all of the children tomorrow and we will continue to provide an exciting curriculum, whilst putting the children's wellbeing at the heart of everything we do.

As always, please be assured that, as a school, we will always follow guidance from the Government, the Department for Education and Public Health. I will continue to update you to ensure that you, as parents, always know what is going on in our school, our community and nationally. Please do not ever hesitate to contact us if you have any queries (via email to enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk or by calling 01507 327393).

Thank you for your continued support and understanding, and I look forward to our new term and supporting our school community.

Yours faithfully,

Antonia Brooks
Headteacher