



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## May 2021 – Parent Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As more restrictions are lifted across the country today, it's important to know that we will continue to work in the same way as we have done since reopening to all children from 8<sup>th</sup> March – staggered start and finish times, the wearing of face coverings for parents and staff, the class bubble system, etc. Please do continue to social distance whilst on our school site and adhere to national guidance – we don't want schools to have any further closures! You can find a copy of our risk assessment on our school website under *Key Information*.

Please remember that, if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 (detailed at the end of this letter), you must isolate all members of your household until a PCR test result is obtained.

### National Tutoring Programme

As a school we are engaging with the government's National Tutoring Programme, and we will have a tutor working in school for the next 6 weeks, Monday through to Friday. Our tutor will be Kari Yarsley and she will be supporting small groups of children across the school in Key Stage 2.

### Wellbeing & Safeguarding

The wellbeing of all children, staff and families continues to be a key focus as the pandemic continues. Please remember that, should you need to, you can contact a member of our Wellbeing Team with any questions or concerns, or to seek advice. Each class continues to take part in Wellbeing Wednesday every week and children are able to use a check in system in their classrooms to let their teacher know how they are feeling.

You can also contact a member of our Safeguarding Team with any concerns – safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and a small piece of information could be part of a much bigger picture. All children from Reception to Year 6 will take part in the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe assembly this week too.

Wellbeing Team	Miss Antonia Brooks Mrs Sophie Waters Mrs Caroline Jaines Mrs Rebecca Fisher
Safeguarding Team	Miss Antonia Brooks Mr Stuart Spendlow Mrs Sophie Waters Mrs Caroline Jaines

## Road Safety

Our Junior Road Safety Officers in Y6 are currently running a competition to design a bike helmet in order to raise awareness for road safety. It is important that we continue to remind children to use the crossings near school in order to cross the road safely. Also, as the weather becomes nicer, it is important that we reinforce how to keep safe when cycling. Please do continue to remind your children.

## Online Safety: WhatsApp Groups

As always with online activity, it is crucial to know what apps, games and devices your children are using. The best way to do this is through transparent conversations and not confining devices to children's own bedrooms. There have been reports recently of children inviting unknown adults into group chats on WhatsApp and it goes without saying how dangerous this can be. Please do continue to monitor online activity of your children carefully and, if you need any support or advice, please contact Mr Spendlow.

## Last Day of Term/After School Clubs

The last day of Summer Term 1 will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May and we will return to school for the final term on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

We are really pleased with the uptake for our after school clubs and these will be continuing after half term. Further information on these will be sent out on these before half-term.

## Attendance

Children attending school every day is really important, especially with the impact of COVID-19 and school closures since March 2020. Children need to be in school unless they are displaying symptoms of coronavirus or are really not well enough to be here. A common cold is not a reason to have time off school. We are following our Attendance Policy (a copy of this can be found on our website) and we are closely monitoring all of our children's attendance. Further steps will be taken, in line with our policy, if any child's attendance starts to drop without a valid reason.

## Mrs Rigg

After many years of being part of our team, we are sad to announce that Mrs Charlie Rigg will be leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work, dedication and the happiness that she has brought to the school. We wish her the very best for her future ventures and her completely new job role!

## Our Curriculum

As we are still unable to invite you into school, please follow us on Twitter **@grimoldbyschool** along with your child's class Twitter page. This is such a great way for us to show you what is going on in school and all the fantastic things your child is doing. I continue to be so proud of all our children and staff. Our children are really loving their class projects and we are offering all our children a broad and balanced curriculum despite the additional measures in place. Thank you to all our parents for supporting your child at home. It is wonderful to see all the things you are doing at home linked to your child's project.

As always, we are here to help and support you through this continuing pandemic. If you have any questions or require any advice, please do not hesitate to contact us via [enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk) or telephone 01507 327393.

Yours faithfully,

Antonia Brooks  
Headteacher

### Symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child or anyone in your household or support bubble has any of these symptoms, you must all self-isolate, book a PCR test and contact school immediately (**do not use an LFD home self-test**). **Please do not send your child to school until you have the results of the PCR test with a negative confirmation.**

It is really important we continue to work together and follow the national guidelines to keep our community as safe as possible.