

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to all of you and your families. This term looks like it will be another full of uncertainties and with another Prime Ministerial announcement tonight, there may be more changes ahead.

However, we are very much looking forward to having the children back and seeing their happy faces! We are determined to keep the school as normal as possible and as full of fun and laughter as we can – we are aiming for a 'Bourn Bubble of Positivity'!

We have, as a staff, reviewed our Risk Assessment to ensure that we are doing everything we can to reduce the spread of COVID. Our existing Risk Assessment was robust and has served us well so far, so we will focus on ensuring that we implement it as stringently as possible. As the risk of COVID is greatest to adults, we are increasing the use of face coverings/visors around school and where adults work on a 1-1 basis with children.

There are a number of things I would like to remind parents of at the start of term, and ask that you follow these as strictly as possible:

- If you or any member of your family have any of the 3 main symptoms of COVID you must keep your child at home and book a test for the person with symptoms
- If your child is absent, for any reason, please email absencereporting@bourn.cambs.sch.uk
- Please do not allow your child to bring in any items from home apart from those which are essential (book bags, lunchboxes, water bottles, reading books on specified days for KS1). There will be no Show and Tell for the next 3 weeks at least (sorry – we know how much the children love this)
- Please limit the length of time you are on site at drop off and pick up times and only 1 adult per family please
- Children need to wear warm clothing with layers underneath their uniform as classrooms will have windows open (unless it is too cold) and rooms will be ventilated (doors and windows opened) when children are not in the room
- Children need to have warm layers for their PE days, with long jogging bottoms
- Please could coats be warm and waterproof if possible, especially as the weather is set to be cold over the next couple of weeks

This is a worrying time for all of us, but the staff have confidence that we are taking the right actions and we have confidence in you as parents and families to do all you can to follow the guidance. The support that you continue to give us is very much appreciated.

I may need to write again tomorrow, depending on the announcement tonight...

Best wishes,

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