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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying their learning outdoors, investigating, exploring and playing with their friends on the field and in the forest. As restrictions are gradually being eased we are starting to plan ahead for the summer term and we will update you over the coming weeks.

The Big Ask:

The Children's Commissioner has launched the biggest ever consultation with children. The survey will be live until 19 May and asks children across England to set out their priorities for improving childhood post-Covid. The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. Children and young people can take part in the survey at: thebigask.uk Teachers will be using resources in class over the next week to support implementing the survey with them.

Attendance:

I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support with attendance. There has been a marked improvement on the school's attendance this year. It is vital that children are in school every day as this will help them to get back on track with learning, friendships and general mental health and wellbeing. Thank you.

Parking:

Please can I remind parents and carers to park considerately and avoid blocking any driveways in the vicinity of the school and avoid parking near the entrances to the school staff car park.

Covid 19:

Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test. Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature (37.8 deg C or more)
- 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 sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have COVID-19 or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>





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If your child is attending school please do not send children in to school if any of the following apply:

- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they, or any members of your household, have tested positive for COVID-19
- they haven't completed the full 10 day isolation period requested

Self-isolating is one of the most important things we can all do to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our loved ones and the vulnerable. You can read our helpful self-isolating guide at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

Best wishes,

Adele McMurrough
Headteacher

