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Dear Parents and Carers,

Window replacement work:

As you will have read in my recent Head's letter, the school will be undergoing major window replacement works over the two weeks beginning Monday 21st June. This means that we will lose the use of the lower part of the staff car park, since the contractors need this area for access and storage of their materials, so consequently many of the school staff will need to park on the street.

We have now heard that the contractors will be setting up their equipment this Friday, 18th June.

If you are able to walk to school rather than drive from this Friday and for the next 2 weeks we would strongly recommend you do so. If you need to drive to school please park considerately and continue to observe the No Parking restrictions. However it is likely you will need to park further from the school and adjust your journey time accordingly.

Please be assured that all measures will be taken to ensure that the school is safe for pupils and staff and will continue to be fully operational as normal. We will be getting regular daily updates from the contractors so that we are able to put safer working measures in place if and when needed.

Unfortunately the morning intervention club run by Miss Morten will have to be cancelled Monday to Thursday next week (21st - 24th June) because access through the hall will be restricted.

On Monday 28th June work will be carried out on the Y1 windows and so the classroom will be out of use and the children will be based in the hall. When coming into school on this day, Y1 children will enter the playground in the normal way but then continue along the playground to the gated walkway leading to the other areas of the school. They will enter the school building via the door opposite the YR classroom and make their way to the hall.

On Wednesday 30th June and Thursday 1st July work will be carried out on YR classroom and so this will be out of use for two days and the children will be based in the hall. When coming into school on these days, YR children will enter the playground in the normal way and continue up the walkway but instead of going into their YR classroom they turn left and go into the school building and make their way to the hall. Teachers and support staff will be available to guide children on these days.

To facilitate this process Y1 will swap with YR and have their forest school on Monday 28th June and YR will have their forest school on Wednesday 30th June. This will enable both classes to be outdoors for most of the day when they are based out of their respective classrooms.





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We apologise for any inconvenience caused and we thank you in advance for your continued support in improving our school.

Sports day - contingency plan:

In the event of rain on Thursday this week the planned sports day will be rescheduled as individual class sports events during PE lessons.

The Public Health team at Hertfordshire County Council has asked us to share the following information with you.

Firstly, we want to thank you for all you are doing to play your part and help protect your school community - you're all doing an amazing job. As we head towards the end of the academic year, let's work together to reduce the number of cases in our nurseries, schools and colleges and make sure fewer children will need to learn remotely.

We're now at a crucial time in our fight against coronavirus. In line with yesterday's Government announcement we're asking everyone to not drop your guard just yet - Covid-19 is still here.

There are simple things you can do right now to continue to protect yourself, your family and your school community:

Remember hands, face, space, fresh air - each school may have different rules around face coverings, but everyone aged over 11 should be wearing a face covering when in indoor venues. If you can still meet outside do.

Testing - students in year 7 and above are being provided with a free, regular supply of rapid tests and they should continue to take these twice a week. Parents and carers of children in nursery, school or college should also take regular rapid tests along with the rest of the community, by doing this we can all help to reduce the spread of the virus. You can find your nearest collection site or order online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest.

Vaccination - please get your vaccine once you are invited to.

Please do not send children back into education if they are sick or feel unwell - be cautious.

If you or your child/ren receive a positive result from a rapid test you must begin self-isolating immediately, not attend school and book a confirmatory PCR test.

If you or your child/ren have symptoms (**new, continuous cough, change or loss of taste or smell or a temperature**) you must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>





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If you need help to self-isolate contact HertsHelp for advice and practical help with things like getting food and medicine and accessing financial support. Call 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net

We know none of this is easy, but if we throw our arms around schools to protect them now, we can all look forward to the summer holidays we're hoping for. Thank you again for helping to keep yourselves and your community safe.

Hertfordshire County Council

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 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 have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19*
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the common travel area*
- they have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team and provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with, if they test positive for COVID-19 or if asked by NHS Test and Trace*
- 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

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes
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