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Dear Parents / Carers

Following a communication from the local authority, we have been asked to review our current practices regarding covid-19. There is inevitable concern about current figures in Gloucestershire. As a result we will be ensuring the following protocols are in place:

- There will be no collective worship in the hall for the next 2 weeks. Collective Worship will be via zoom instead
- We will minimise mixing of classes inside, particularly in KS2. The Y1 children in Robins and Woodpeckers will continue to have their Y1 focused daily teaching sessions - but we will keep this under review. Y4 will continue to go swimming on Mondays – at the moment. The children might be asked to change at school before they go swimming
- We will minimise movement of children around the school - using the one-way systems
- We will minimise visitors to school during school hours. However, any adults that need to visit school during school hours will be asked to wear a mask, complete a covid questionnaire and sanitise their hands on entry
- Although this is not in the government guidance, we suggest that if anybody in your household tests positive, you keep your children at home for the isolation period. We know this caused a lot of concern amongst parents last term
- If your child is showing possible symptoms, we encourage you to use a lateral flow test (LFT) to clarify whether they might have covid. There are several ways you can access supplies of LFT's. You can order online or pick up 2 boxes of tests from various locations.

- order online at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
- Mitcheldean Pharmacy - 5 Churchill Way GL17 0AZ
- Drybrook Pharmacy - Drybrook Road GL17 9JA
- Cinderford Pharmacy - The Co-op Foodstore GL14 2AQ

Please note the following:

Our outdoor hockey and netball clubs will continue. If the weather conditions are poor, the club will be cancelled. We aim to inform parents about cancellation by 2.30pm

The after school catch up sessions will continue.

Our BC/ASC provision will continue - but this will be reviewed weekly.

At this point in time, we do not intend making changes to our entry/ exit from school systems. However, we do ask parents to continue to be respectful of spacing to

minimise gatherings of adults. Parents may want to consider wearing masks at these points in the day.

We will be opening up parents evening slots from this week (via eschools). The planned parents evenings will be held on 18th and 24th November 2021 – but we may have to consider whether face-to-face meetings are appropriate.

We will be preparing our Remembrance Service and will decide by Friday 5th November whether this will be an online service.

We will keep our systems under review and will consider weekly whether any further changes need to be made.

I hope you have all managed to enjoy the half term holiday.

See you tomorrow,

Stephanie Severn