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Review of Restart Arrangements

Dear Parents,

I trust that your child, has settled back into school. Thank-you for your support in ensuring the safety and well-being of all. I assure you that the school is continually reviewing our procedures to follow changing DE and PHA guidelines and to ensure best practice.

While homework and remote learning, where required, is set on Seesaw, all pupils should by now also have received paper packs for home use. While we hope that it will not be the case, it is clear that pupils or staff may need to work remotely at short notice, for example while awaiting test results or adhering to self-isolation guidance.

It has been observed that most families prefer to arrive at school in either the 8.45 or 9am slot and therefore we are reducing the staggered arrangements to 2 times per class. Those pupils who had been designated the 9.15am slot, may from the 5th October, come to school at 9am. The gate will be closed promptly at 9.15am. At home time pupils will be released at 1.45, 2.00, 2.45 or 3.00pm. If you have any specific queries, these can be clarified with the class teacher via Seesaw.

We continue to ask that parents do not send children to school if they have a temperature, new / continuous cough, loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhoea and that the 'Report Absence' form on the school website is used to inform the school.

If your child receives a positive test, please call the school number as soon as possible, including during the evening or at weekends. This will help me to urgently link with the PHA and complete a risk assessment to identify close contacts who may need to isolate without delay. It is hoped that such swift action will break any possible transmission.

Kind regards,

Mrs P Kelly Principal