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Dear Parents,

I don't have too much to update you with this week. We do have some guidance going out with this letter to help you know what to do in the event of your child becoming ill at this time. We are often asked about children and their symptoms and what to do and also about quarantine times etc. and hopefully this handy guide will make things a little easier.

As you will probably know from the news, it is becoming increasingly difficult to get tests for those experiencing possible Covid symptoms. Our staff who are parents have been affected too and I am predicting that we will have a fair amount of staff absence until the testing process speeds up, which is unfortunate.

Thank you to everyone who is using the one way system correctly. Parents are allowed to go straight to the drop off car park if parked there, but pedestrians should not be using it as a walk through as it is too dangerous. Instead you should be crossing at the field gate or through the Reception playgrounds and down to the Batchwood Drive gate. This is to avoid parents crossing over one another's paths on the narrow walkway from Townsend Drive into school. Surely ten minutes extra walking isn't too much to keep everybody safe? Again, thank you to those who are doing the right thing.

Just one other matter on the theme of local transport. It came to my attention that a local parking warden was sworn at in front of our children in the local streets today. Not only is abusing a professional who is trying to keep everyone safe completely unacceptable, but this doesn't provide our children with a great example of appropriate behaviour. Please also ensure that engines are switched off and not left to idle when parking locally as this isn't great for the health of our children.

Back in school we are busy stocking up on reading books at the moment - a mammoth task! – so that each year group has a supply that can be 'quarantined' each week before a new one is selected. We are hoping that everyone will be provided with a book by the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> September. In the meantime, please do read with your child from books at home. There is far more to reading than simply working through our school reading scheme as I am sure you will appreciate! We have also had a busy period archiving all of last year's SeeSaw work ready for this new academic year and setting up the children with their new passwords – so you may well begin to see these coming home over the next week.

In the meantime, I hope you have a great weekend – hopefully the weather remains good and the extended summer continues!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Farrugia