

Dear Parents/Carers,

I thought I would take the opportunity to write to you all to update you on a few areas.

Mr Keen has had his operation and is recovering well. He thanks everyone for their good wishes. He will return to school as soon as he can.

It has been lovely to welcome all pupils back to school. As I have been walking around, which I do every day, I continue to be impressed with the calm, orderly and disciplined environment. The atmosphere is very focused on learning. Teachers teaching and children learning.

We have reminded children (unless medically exempt) that they should wear masks in all indoor spaces, including classrooms. Please make sure your child comes to school every day with their mask.

We are also ensuring all classrooms are well ventilated - as it is so cold at the moment, I have told all children that they may wear their coats, at their teacher's discretion, if it feels cold in a classroom. Scarves, hats and gloves may not be worn inside classrooms.

We are working hard to ensure all children attend school every day - unless your child is ill or is self-isolating please continue to send them to school on time - every lesson counts.

We are issuing all children today with a mini notebook that contains a copy of their timetable and SENECA details. They can use the little book to write any reminders, for example homework completion dates.

We are also issuing lanyards to each child. These need to be worn every day just like we do as staff. This allows us to identify a child's year group at a glance and acts as an important safeguarding identification tool. We will be checking that all pupils are wearing their lanyards each day. The plastic wallet given to your child today is for their knowledge organiser and notebook so that they stay dry inside their bag.

Regards

Fiona Aris