GIG MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we care, together we succeed



15th March 2021

Last week it was so wonderful to see the children back in school. Our playground has been lively and full of life again - just what we like to see! We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled back into their lessons and this week we will continue our focus on emotional health and wellbeing alongside the curriculum.

Thank you to all Parents and Carers who have done an incredible job in adhering to the drop off and collection times, it all supports the full return to school.

Advice to All Parents and Carers:

Further to the letter sent out on Saturday, we have been made aware another member of our school community who has tested positive for COVID 19. The second letter today refers to the new case.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England.

Please support our school community:

If your child is feeling unwell at all please do not send them into school – this includes any of the wider symptoms.

Please can I reiterate the following advice given out prior to the return to school on March 8th:

- Please continue to wear a mask at all times whilst on and near the school premises, to maintain social distancing at all times, not to gather in groups on, or near, the school site and to ensure that the children you are responsible for remain with you at all times.
- Please ensure that only 1 adult collects from school
- Children should only be collected by parents or those on the contacts list, unless you have a childcare support bubble
- A number of parents remain understandably anxious about the full reopening of school, and we have been contacted by some parents who are expressing their worry and concern where children are being allowed to run around and come into contact with people from outside their class and year group bubbles.

School staff have worked extremely hard, and we continue to do so each day, to ensure that school is as safe as it possibly can be for all children, staff, parents and the wider community, but we need everyone's ongoing understanding and co-operation in order for our efforts to be worthwhile. With the progress of the vaccine rollout, it feels as though the end is in sight - please let's all do our part to keep everyone as safe and well as we possibly can for the coming weeks.

Kind regards Mrs A Hannaway Headteacher

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