



HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I appreciate that many of you will have concerns about your children returning to school, in light of the recent increase in Covid-19 infections, particularly as some Norfolk schools are only open to Key Worker/Vulnerable children. We therefore just wanted to clarify, that the Government and Local Authority currently expects all primary schools in Norfolk to remain fully open, unless they do not have enough staff to safely do so. At present, we do have enough staff to remain open to all pupils, although this situation could obviously change at any time.

While the expectation is for all Primary children in Norfolk to continue to attend school unless they are having to shield or isolate, we understand that many of you will have other good reasons to not send your child/ren to school and in light of this, we will not be recommending that any fines are issued. However, if you are choosing to keep your child/ren off school, it is important that you understand that we will not be able to practically provide the same level of remote learning or support, as we could if the whole-class were not in school and that it is your responsibility to support your child/ren in completing all of the work that they are given.

We will continue to follow the stringent safety measures that were already in place and closely adhere to the Risk Assessment from the Local Authority. We will also be looking at if we can make any further enhancements over the next couple of days. However, could I please remind you all to wear facemasks when dropping off/picking up your children, to maintain social distancing and to not let your child mix with children from different bubbles. Also, please ensure that your children have extra layers of clothing on, as we must keep the windows open for ventilation and it can get very chilly in the classrooms. We are of course happy for them to wear their coats in the classrooms.

We will review the situation on an ongoing basis and will of course let you know as soon as anything changes. I'm sorry that we have all been placed in such a difficult situation and with such little, conflicting and ever-changing guidance from the Government, but the main thing is that we all do our very best in keeping everyone safe and providing an education to our children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Simon Minter
Headteacher

Trevor Wainwright
Chair of Governors