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No one could have ever imagined another strange start to the new term and there has been much speculation in the press this weekend regarding possible delays to a return to school for all pupils. I would like to reassure all parents who are home schooling at the moment, that we will do all we can to get our children back in classrooms as soon as we are able to do so safely. We appreciate how difficult home schooling can be, but remember we are here to help in any way we can. We hope that our introduction of more live contact and teacher availability throughout the day will support you. You're all doing a great job!

If your child is currently attending school under the critical worker allocation of places, could we stress that this should only be when you have no alternative. If you work part time or are "off shift" your child should remain at home on these days. By keeping numbers to a minimum in school, we can reduce the risk of transmission within the community and the risk of class closures.

Please remember that our drop off time has changed and is from 9.00am—9.10am. Pupils can not be admitted to classrooms before this time. We have also received concerns that some parents are not observing the one way system or are waiting in cars and watching to see that their child enters Year One or Year Two cloakrooms. All young children should be accompanied to the cloakroom and the one way system observed at all time. These measures are in place to ensure the safety of all staff, children and families.

Staffing News

Last Friday we said goodbye to Miss Driffill who had been covering Miss Kenyon's maternity leave in Year One. Miss Driffill was full of praise for the school and the children and said that she had really enjoyed her time with us. Hopefully we will see her back in school again one day.

Miss Kenyon has now returned to school and it's great to have her back on the team. I'm sure that the children will help her out with new routines and will make her feel very welcome.

As Winter approaches we would like to remind parents of our procedures regarding potential school closures during severe weather. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. We will always endeavor to make a closure decision as early as possible. If possible, parents will be informed via the school text message service. However, parents should also ensure that they check the school Twitter account and website and listen for announcements on BBC Radio Humberside and Viking Radio.

Please be assured that we will always endeavour to keep school open and will only close for health and safety reasons.

The above information will be a constant newsletter item during the winter months.

