



25th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe that it is a year since we first heard of coronavirus? The virus has caused no end of heartache and uncertainty and it has certainly changed the way we live our lives. The past year has been extremely difficult for all of us, not knowing when things would go back to some kind of normality. We were delighted in September when school reopened, the children came back to school ready to learn and the staff worked hard to make sure the children had everything they needed to catch up on the things they had missed out on. By Christmas the children had made great progress in their learning and were well on track to getting back to where they were before the first lockdown and we were all looking forward to the Spring term. This is a testament to all of the hard work everyone has put in staff, pupils and parents. So I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who is part of the Ravensbury Community.

This lockdown took us all by surprise and is tough; it is taking its toll on our mental health and wellbeing. It is causing a lot of anxiety but now more than ever we need to work together to look after each other and together we will get through this.

The new Covid-19 variant is more transmissible, so for those in school it is more important than ever that we follow the national restrictions to keep each other safe. We may need to consider withdrawing the offer of school places if people are not following lockdown restrictions.

- You are not allowed to have anyone who does not live with you in your home or garden (unless it is a single person in your support bubble). This includes sleepovers and play dates.
- If someone in your household has symptoms of Covid-19, everyone in the house must stay at home and self-isolate, until the person with symptoms receives their test results.
- If someone in your household tests positive for Covid-19, everyone living in the house must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days.
- If your child feels unwell please keep them at home and get medical advice before returning to school.
- If your child has Covid-19 symptoms; a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste they must stay at home and self-isolate, until they receive their test results.

Home learning isn't easy and we think that you are all doing an amazing job in what are really difficult circumstances. We know that we have high expectations for our pupils and we have set a lot of work, I'm sure you wouldn't want it any other way. We all want what's best for our pupils and all we ask is that you do your best, everyone's circumstances are different; there will be good days and bad days and if all work isn't completed every day then that's ok. Take each day as it comes. Remember staff are available each day to offer support and advice.

These continue to be strange and uncertain times for all of us but remember we are always here for all our families and we will do our very best to support where we can, we are always at the end of a telephone. As I said earlier together we will get through this!

Take care, stay safe and be kind to each other.

Mrs Hughes

Headteacher

