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Dear Parents

I hope that you have had a good half term and managed to see some friends and family.

COVID Response

We will continue to follow the practices we had in place during Term 1. Our approach is to keep a balance between ensuring effective teaching and learning while following the latest government guidance on keeping everyone safe.

It is a tricky balance to strike when there are many practical things to consider when running a school. Our decision making is also driven by the need for actions to be sustainable for the long term and ensuring that the health and emotional well-being of the staff and children is given a high level of consideration.

So far, we have not had to close any class bubbles and we are desperate to ensure this continues. One of our ongoing concerns is around social distancing of parents and children at pick-up and drop off times. We believe that allowing parents on site at the same time, spaced out across the school, wearing face masks is still the best approach but adults must follow social distancing rules and carefully manage their children during these busy times. So please... **GIVE SPACE. KEEP SAFE.**

Romania Shoe Box Appeal

We would like the children to bring in their Shoe Boxes on Friday morning (6th November) ready for collection. Initially we had asked that families use wrapping paper provided by the school but now need to ask families to wrap their own boxes. We are sorry for this last-minute change.

Nursery, Reception and Year 1

These three cohorts will continue to be one bubble, led by Mrs Nichols. However, Reception and Year 1 will now be taught by Mrs Nichols (supported by Ms Lytollis) for the majority of the time and the Nursery children will usually be taught by Mrs Kinchin (supported by Ms Lewis). Drop-off and pick-up times will be in the same place and times as normal.

Life continues to be a little uncertain so it is important that our school community works together to ensure we stay upbeat and positive and do all we can to keep our children learning and enjoying life.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Kind regards

Andrew Denham