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Dear Parents and Carers

It's hard to believe we're in October already! Now that we have settled into our new routines and the new term, I will continue to communicate with you regularly, but it won't necessarily be every week.

I would like to pass on my thanks to you and your children for adjusting to the new routines so well.

If someone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms

Please can I remind parents that if someone in your household has symptoms of COVID-19, you should not send your son or daughter into school, even if they are well themselves. All members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days. The person with symptoms should get a test. If the result comes back negative, your child can return to school immediately. If it is positive, all members of the household should continue their self-isolation.

Protocols

As you will be aware from our risk assessment, we have a protocol in place with clear actions to follow in the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in school. Please be reassured that we will inform parents if there is a confirmed case and we will communicate the actions we have been advised to take by the DFE and Public Health England. We have not had any confirmed cases in school this week. Thank you to all the staff in school, particularly our cleaners, who are all working hard to keep us all as safe as possible.

INSET day tomorrow

A reminder that school is closed tomorrow for an INSET day.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Parents of Year 11 will have received information regarding parents' evening on Thursday next week. Please bear with us as this is the first time we have used this new online system with a whole year group. We hope there won't be too many teething problems and that the technology serves us well!

More information to follow on Year 8 parents' evening.

European Day of Languages

This week we celebrated European Day of Languages in school. Staff wore badges showing the different languages they speak. It was really encouraging to see how many languages are spoken across school! To name just a few we had: French, German, Italian, Spanish, Swahili, Mandarin and British Sign Language.

Pupils in forms wore a sticker with their favourite language phrase, we had our daily prayers in French and there were form assemblies related to languages across the school.

Believe.....

The MFL department's motto is 'a little language goes a long way'. We encourage all our young people to use their language skills, at whatever level. It's a great way of building relationships across different cultures, which is so important in our global society.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Walmsley'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and a long, sweeping tail.

Mrs C Walmsley
Principal