

Wednesday 6th October 2020



Dear Parent, Carer

Health and Safety Update

Face coverings

In the face of nationally rising levels of infection, we continue to do all we can in school to ensure that the guidance on washing hands, wearing face coverings and giving space are followed. We continue to operate staggered breaks and lunches and the children are taught in their bubbles. However, I need your support. We are seeing a rise in the number of students arriving to school without a face covering and we cannot afford to provide these. Please check that your child leaves for school with a suitable face covering. Often it is on PE days when they forget to bring them so can you be extra vigilant on those days.

Self-Isolation

I have received further guidance from Public Health Dorset that I have been asked to pass onto you. Self-isolation is not optional, and the length of the self-isolation cannot simply be ended unless a negative test result is returned. Individuals that have been in close contact with someone that tests positive for Covid **MUST** self-isolate for the full 14 days! This means that if someone in the household tests positive everyone else (regardless of whether they have any symptoms) must isolate for 14 days. If a child returns to school before this time, they are a potential risk to **everyone** they come into contact with.

Rule of Six

The rule of six was ratified by parliament yesterday. Please can you speak with your children as it applies to them when they are outside of school. We all need to do whatever we can to keep the infection rate under control in Weymouth and Portland so that the school remains open to all students!

Helmets When Riding a Bike

I am concerned about the number of students who cycle to school and do not wear a helmet. I am considering whether to enforce a policy that will require any student bringing a bike to school to wear a helmet. I would ask that as parents and carers you insist that the children wear a helmet. **It could save their life.**

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Russell".

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