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Dear Parents/Carers

As we end the first week of the Spring Term, we want to say a thank you for all of your support this week. It has been lovely to see the children again and welcome them back for what we hope will be a fantastic term with lots of learning and experiences planned in.

It is our aim for children at Low Ash to experience a 'normal' and routine school life as far as we can and for them to have access to the learning opportunities they need and that we desperately want them to have. We will do all we can to continue to provide that for them this term. Indeed, just this week, Year 3 took part in some practical road safety training which, despite the cold temperatures, they really enjoyed! And, on Monday, our Billy Bantam fundraising appeal will be launched with pupils (more information to follow). Of course, we will continue to monitor our number of Covid-19 cases within school, determining whether we need to introduce any further preventative measures or restrictions as outlined in our Outbreak Management Plan. At this moment in time however, as requested at the start of the week, we only ask that, unless exempt, you wear your mask when you drop off and collect your child, and that you adhere to the one-way system when dropping off and collecting your children.

In school, our current measures continue to be:

- improved hand hygiene practice across school
- enhanced cleaning schedules
- staff participating in 2x weekly testing
- increased ventilation in school (supported by the use of CO2 monitors)
- staff wearing face coverings in communal areas
- online assemblies
- use of both halls for school lunches to avoid congestion

At this time of year, ensuring good ventilation in school can result in cold classrooms. Although you may have heard on the news that the government has issued 7,000 air purifiers to some schools across the country, we do not qualify for these, so the windows and doors will need to be open at various points throughout the day (not constantly). Please make sure that your child comes to school either in or with some warm clothes. We are more than happy for pupils to wear their outdoor coats in the classroom if they are cold or, alternatively, to bring an extra layer(s) into school to wear (this does not need to be in the Low Ash colours). We appreciate that this is not ideal but hope that the extra layers will ensure pupils are comfortable while learning, alongside the need for ventilation to minimise the risk of catching Covid.

All staff at Low Ash have been brilliant with their flexibility and commitment to the children so far this year, 'keeping the show on the road' despite some difficult setbacks with staff illnesses and isolation. We will all continue to do our very best for your children and we know that, whatever challenges may lie ahead this term, we will, with your support, meet them again.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Best wishes

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