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Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils,

The children continue to come into school happy and enthusiastic. They are all learning and playing together in their Bubbles which is working well at both playtime and lunchtime.

Reading books will be coming home shortly if they haven't already done so, with weekly Home Learning activities being issued in the next few weeks.

As there is the possibility of either a Bubble closure, a local Lockdown or a whole country Lockdown happening, we will be notifying you soon of how to support your child at home should this happen (we hope it doesn't!). As before all learning will be accessed via our Home Learning platform on our school website.

As a school we are following the government guidance when making any decisions about the safety of everyone at school. Children are in their Bubbles during lesson times, break and lunch times. In order to support us with this please keep contacts to a minimum outside of school.

Important points to be aware of:

1. If your child or someone in your household has any one of the three symptoms associated with Covid-19, the whole household must self-isolate, be tested and await a test result. If the test result is negative, the child can return to school as soon as they feel well enough.
2. If you or someone in your family is identified by track and trace as having been in close contact with a confirmed case, it is just the person who is a direct contact that must self-isolate. For example, if a parent has been in direct contact with a confirmed case they must self-isolate, however the children must continue to attend school as long as they are not direct contacts of the confirmed case.
3. Thank you to everyone for maintaining a 2 metre distance from others at the school gates. This enables us to do our bit to keep rates as low as possible in the area and reduces the likelihood of school having to close once again.

The school relies heavily upon the openness and honesty of parents regarding these matters. I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that parents let the school know any information related to their own health or the health of their child as this is how we will help to keep everyone safe.

The NHS has a useful website which may help you to make the right decision as to whether your child is well enough to attend school or not: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

I will continue to keep you updated with any further important updates.

Best wishes



Helen Green

In other news.....

- **Monday 2nd November and Tuesday 3rd November are INSET days and therefore will be closed to all pupils. Term 2 will start back on Wednesday 4th November.**
 - We are pleased to have welcomed eight new children into our Reception class. The website for both primary and secondary admissions is now open. If you have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2021 please do log on and apply to come and join us. We are carrying out short individual tours of the outside of the school for those who are interested in applying and we ask that prospective parents wear a face covering. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021. All the information you need in order to apply can be found using the following link: <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&:familychannel=2-2&channel=family>
- If your child is due to begin secondary school in September 2021, the deadline for applications is 31st October 2020.
<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=12VIUICdFLs>
- If you know anyone who is moving into the area please recommend St Andrew's! We have places available in most year groups, particularly Yr2, Yr4 and Yr6.
- Please be reminded that Thursday and Friday are PE days so your child should wear their PE kit into school.
 - Unfortunately this year we are unable to invite parents into Church to celebrate Harvest with us. All children will be recognising Harvest in their own individual classrooms through various creative activities.