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Protect and Educate- Supporting parents and children

Dear Parents and Carers

As stated last night schools WILL remain open as the Government feels this is the best place for children to be. As we start the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Autumn term, we aim to continue providing the best education and care for all the children at Airedale Junior School. We have several staff self-isolating, but I believe this is going to be the case due to the increased cases across the district, hence why we have been notified of a second national lockdown. Any new guidance provided over the next few days will be shared with all stakeholders.

It has been confirmed by Public Health England that the safety measures we have implemented are more than adequate to limit the risk of infection. However we cannot completely do this while children and adults are mixing within the community for either work or pleasure.

We will continue to only notify parents through the My Child at School/text messaging service if there is a reason for their children to move to remote/home learning and isolate after being in contact with a positive case. Please let the office or your class teacher know if your MCAS APP is not working.

Finally may I please ask the whole community again to support the school to meet our primary aim- to protect and educate-

- Only be on the school site for the shortest amount of time
- Do not allow your children to play on the playground with children from other classes before and after school
- Maintain 2m social distancing while you are on site (two shopping trolley lengths)
- Wear face coverings especially if you have to visit the school building
- Be mindful of taking part in community activities outside of school, which may not support effective distancing and safety. Young children find it more difficult and may need more guidance.

Finally we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2 November, wearing full school uniform with black shoes, unless it is their allocated PE day which is outlined on the year group pages.



Please remember water bottles, homework and reading books/logs.

I hope we can all work together to achieve our primary aim: to protect and educate- so that school can continue to support children learning in a safe environment.

Thank you for your continued support through this difficult time

Mrs Robinson