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Dorin Park School and Specialist SEN College

21.04.22 – Welcome to summer term, parental survey and Covid-19 update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As is the case every term, we are delighted to welcome back our pupils, who have settled back into their classes swiftly after the Easter Break. Many have been able to tell us about their wonderful adventures over the holiday and the Easter treats they received.

Survey

As we do each year, we would like to gain parental views about our school. Surveys help us to understand what we do well from your perspective, and what we need to do to make our school even better. Please take a few minutes to complete this year's survey via this link, which will be open until Wednesday 4th May:

<https://forms.office.com/r/04D6GsS3ts>

The link will also be sent out via text message to all families.

PTA

We are hugely grateful to our Dorin Park PTA team, who arranged for all pupils to receive an Easter treat just before we broke up, and also held a very successful BooHoo clothes sale during the break which raised £849.45 in total, which I'm sure you will agree is a fantastic result. A committed group of PTA parents, pupils and siblings planned, organised, set up and advertised the sale, which was well attended and hopefully a sign of even greater things to come when we hold our **PTA Summer Fair on Sunday 3rd July**.

Sports Day

Thanks also go to all Primary parents, staff and pupils who participated in the Easter activity afternoon. It was good to welcome parents into school and we plan for more opportunities for parents to attend school events this term. One important event coming up next month is **Sports Day**, which will be held at **1.30pm on Friday 13th May for Primary**, and **1.30pm on Friday 20th May for Seniors**. Letters with further information will go out nearer the time, but please do '**save the date**'.

Finlay

In other news, one of our senior pupils, Finlay, has recently been featured talking to Channel 4 News about the difficulties he has at home and raising awareness of the issues around Disabled Facility Grant (DFG) funding.

https://twitter.com/channel4news/status/1511334114611367942?s=21&t=ZJ_e2dfZpiEnj_y39MAEa

We are all very proud of Finlay for being able to confidently raise awareness about this important issue.

Covid

You will be aware that as part of the Government's Living with Covid strategy, the advice and guidance changed from 1st April and continues to be updated. The key information that you need to be aware of is that:

- *Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings.*

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- **Children and young people (aged 18 years and under) who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including Covid-19:** Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.
- **Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result:** If a child or young person has a positive Covid-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower.

An updated list of Covid-19 symptoms in children is as follows:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

If you have any questions please get in touch via parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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