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**UNCRC Article 28 - Children's right to learn and go to school.**

**UNCRC Article 29 – Children have the right to become the best that they can be.**

**Belmont Parent Charter Articles 14 and 30 - I will help my child to develop respect and understanding of their own and others beliefs, religions and languages.**

**Belmont Parent Charter Articles 28 and 29 - I will ensure my child comes to school on time every day and support them with their home learning so that they can access their education to the full.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to start by thanking ALL of you for your support and your patience with all the changes we have made to the beginning and end of the school day and with our COVID protective measures.

We have now been back at school for five weeks and I am really pleased that we have had very little disruption to the children's learning due to COVID. No child at the school has tested positive and we have had no active cases in our staff team either. This means we have not had to isolate any class "bubbles" yet.

When we have had staff absence we have started "live streaming" lessons to classes in school. All pupils by now should be completing home learning tasks using the online platform. This is working well and this gives me a degree of confidence that we will be able to maintain continuity of learning for all pupils if we do need to close down any classes or parts of the school in the future. We will also have sets of laptops ready should we be forced to close. These will be allocated subject to needs of families.

Thanks to you we now have a smooth and (sometimes) fast staggered start and finish. We know that you are really trying hard to keep a safe distance when you line up outside and when you come onto the school site to drop off and pick up but this is not always possible.

We know that the COVID infection rate is rising again across the whole country and this includes an increase in London and here in Harrow. **I now want to try to reduce the risk to you, your families and school staff by asking you to wear a mask or face covering at ALL times when you come onto the school site.** Our staff will wear masks too during the staggered start and finish times. Most masks and face coverings offer limited protection to the person wearing them, but they DO protect other people. If we **ALL** wear them we will protect each other, and this means that we reduce the risk of COVID infection in our community and in our school.

As the weather gets colder and wetter I would also like to remind you to send you children to school with warm coats and jackets, gloves and hats as they will be spending time outside every day, and this includes time we all spend lining up outside.

At this time of year children and adults are getting seasonal colds and flu and this makes it difficult for you to decide whether to send them to school. I can tell you that we will be offering flu vaccinations (no needles involved) in early November and would encourage you to take up this opportunity.

Harrow Council's Director of Public Health, Carole Furlong, has written a letter to all parents and carers with advice about sending your children to school if they are unwell with cold, flu or COVID symptoms. This letter and a helpful flow chart are attached.

**In the meantime please help us to keep Belmont School open in these difficult times by always wearing a mask or face covering when you enter the school site. We want to start this from tomorrow and we will be reminding you to do this to keep us all safe.**



Yours sincerely,

Ms L Shaw