



1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to **Spring**, with children returning to school. The children have loved using some of our new outdoor spaces for lessons, and this is something that will continue in the summer term and beyond. Over the past 2 weeks each class has received some new reading books to support reading for enjoyment in school.

Please would you have a look to see if you have any reading books still hiding at home.

We break up today for Easter

All **COVID arrangements** currently in place will continue. Please note that we will be continuing with positive case reporting until April 7th. Please advise school via info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk account if a positive case is reported in your family in order that we can complete track and trace and notify others in our school community.

We return to school on Tuesday 20th April, we look forward to seeing you all after the Easter holiday. Our school theme for the first week back is respect and we will be celebrating World Earth Day on April 22nd.

Happy Easter to you all, as restrictions begin to ease enjoy meeting up outdoors with friends or family. I hope the forecast of snow doesn't feature!

It has been a challenging time in many ways for us all, we thank you all for your continued support and understanding and wish you all a happy holiday!

Kind regards,
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Dear parent/carer,

Children have been settling back into school and we hope they are happy to be back with their teachers and friends.

To ensure that Covid-19 rates remain low, we all must remain vigilant and do what we can to contain the spread.

One in three people with Covid-19 do not show any symptoms, that's why it's really important parents, carers and their support bubbles carry out symptom-free quick tests at home, twice a week to help protect family, friends and the wider school community. Find out how to access symptom-free tests at www.dudley.gov.uk/symptom-free-testing

We all need to keep playing our part to protect ourselves, friends, family and Dudley borough, please remember:

- Regular hand washing is still vital, using hand sanitiser if you're not at home
- Keep a safe distance from people outside your household at all times (2 metres where possible)
- Wear a face covering when you are taking and collecting children from school, young people in secondary schools should be wearing a face covering in school
- Remember **HANDS, FACE, SPACE, TEST**

Symptoms and testing

Please do not send children to school if they or another member of your household have any of the main three Covid-19 symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of or a change to your sense of taste or smell - stay at home and book a test for the symptomatic person.

If you or a member of your household feels generally unwell and are displaying other symptoms you should also get tested as a precaution www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirustesting

As we approach the Easter break, and two households or up to six people will be able to meet outdoors or in a private garden (from 29 March), we urge you to do this safely and responsibly within government guidelines.

I hope you and your family have a happy Easter break. Thank you for your continued support and playing your part to protect Dudley borough.



Karen Wright
Director of Public Health and Wellbeing