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Dear Parent/Carer

11th September 2020

Re: Hand Sanitiser

I am writing to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has followed our risk assessment procedures, followed the one-way system and have been so understanding in helping us to re-open our school for all children so successfully.

I am incredibly proud of all of our children and our team who have dealt with a huge range of changes calmly and efficiently. Our team has worked hard to create a calm, welcoming and happy environment for our children to return to. For the first couple of weeks our focus is on the emotional well-being of everyone in our school family and this approach has worked really well with many people giving us positive feedback which is lovely to hear.

Inevitably there are some teething problems with our new procedures and one of those is with the amount of handwashing the children have to do throughout the day. At the current time our risk assessment states that the children will wash their hands upon arrival, after morning playtime, before lunch, after lunchtime playtime and before they leave for home.

They are doing this using one allocated sink per class and this is taking a considerable amount of time which is eating into teaching time. I have therefore taken advice from both our legal and Health and Safety Partners who have now agreed that we can substitute handwashing after morning play and after lunchtime play with the use of hand sanitiser.

As such, from Monday 14th September 2020 an adult will give each child a small amount of hand sanitiser when they return to the classroom on the two occasions mentioned above. This option does have a budget implication and therefore will be given out by an adult (children will NOT have free access). We have ensured that our hand sanitiser meets the standards required and it still remains the case that children should NOT bring their own hand sanitiser into school.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter but if you do have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely
Mrs D Cross
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