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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the building work has begun on site in earnest. Thank you for your patience when picking up and dropping off; the builders are working hard to minimise impact on access around the site.

COVID restrictions

As you are aware, the government has issued more advice this week around the ongoing pandemic. Please can we now encourage all visitors to the school site **to wear face coverings when on the school playground** (usual exemptions apply). Like shops, school cannot police this, we rely upon the good sense and community spirit of our parents and carers. Please help each other and our staff.



We received a letter for parents from the NHS which we sent out to parents yesterday, this has some really useful advice on test and trace and symptoms.

We issued the QR codes for the see-saw home learning platform this week. Please sign up, as teachers will be issuing homework using the platform. It will then ensure everyone is familiar with this in case of a class isolation situation and we need to use it for home learning. Please speak to your child's class teacher or the office if you need any help with this. If you do not have access to digital devices at home, **please let the school office know** so we can make alternative arrangements.

Breakfast club

We have surveyed parents this week to ascertain demand for a breakfast club. We have a plan for how we might run this; it will be looked at in our Governing Body meeting on Tuesday 29th September (next week). If they are happy with our proposal, we will begin to take bookings, with a view to opening the following week. This is subject to change until confirmed from school.

School leadership groups

Staff and pupils have been working hard to elect their pupil leadership teams. We can announce that pupils have been duly elected by their peers and Teachers have made these students aware. We would like to congratulate all students that have been elected.

We will be looking to start the pupil leadership meetings this half term. They will have their photographs taken on Thursday 1st October for our pupil leaders board; please can they make sure they have a cardigan or jumper with the school logo on that day (plain if they don't have one with logo on). If it's their classes PE day please fetch your jump/cardigan to put on for the photo. Congratulations, we look forward to working together to improve our school!

School Photographs

We have postponed the official school photographs until at least April next year, to reduce visitors into school. We are sure parents will understand why this has had to be done.

Music lessons

We are not currently having visiting music teachers into school at the moment to reduce visitors; we are aware of the four or five pupils who are interested in these lessons. As soon as the situation changes the school will contact parents to set up appropriate arrangements.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Outwood Academy Hemsworth are hosting a Pumpkin Carving Competition for all **Year 5 and 6 students**.

Carve your pumpkin (please seek adult supervision) into a wonderful Halloween design and send your pictures along with your name and Primary School into e.varley@hemsworth.outwood.com

Entries must be in by 9am Friday 23rd October and the winners will be announced on social media. ***By sending your entries in you are giving permission for your name and picture to be used on our social media sites.*** Please follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Each winner (one winner per year group) will receive an individual prize and a prize for their class.

