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Dear Parents and carers

As well as continuing to provide childcare for the children of critical workers, we continue to make good progress toward ensuring that the school is as safe as possible for the return of the Year 1 children next week. Our planning for opening the school more widely has been reviewed and approved by the GLF Central team.

We have been working hard to ensure that we give the children the best possible experiences when they are in school. We have also had to manage the availability of staff, who themselves have to drop and collect children from Keyworker groups within schools. This has constrained the hours that we can open safely and I know this will continue to be a challenge for all parents and carers.

Up until now, we have asked everyone coming on to site to complete a form that has declared that the children and /or adults are safe to come on site. Going forward we will ask that by coming into school, you are declaring that your child is free of any potential Covid-19 symptoms.

**This will mean that anyone with the following symptoms must not be in school.**

**Signs of a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.

**A continuous cough**

**Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**If anybody else in the home environment has any of these possible Covid-19 symptoms listed above, children MUST stay at home.**

Should a child present with any of these symptoms in school, we will call home and ask parents to collect their child immediately. It is, therefore, critical that we have up to date contact information.

Every classroom has hand sanitiser and soap, so that regular handwashing takes place as required. We know that some children will struggle to be able to use hand sanitiser; please can you let the school know. This can be done most easily by emailing [info@mersthamprimaryschool.org](mailto:info@mersthamprimaryschool.org).

Finally, we have sent out a letter requesting that spaces are booked for the keyworker group 12.6.20-26.6.20 so that we can plan and manage staffing levels. Please can I ask that responses to the school arrive before the deadline of 3pm on 8.6.20.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I will continue to send out regular updates so that everyone is fully informed. In the meantime I wish you all the very best of health.

Kind regards

Gavin Oulton, Headteacher Merstham Primary School

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