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Dear parents,

I am writing to welcome you back to a new term and, despite these strange times, the school has been a happy place today and we are functioning as normally as possible! However, in light on the government's announcement last Thursday, we have decided to postpone the merging of the Shapley/ Mardon and Beckaford bubbles during outdoor playtimes, for now at least.

Current guidance remains that schools should continue to be well ventilated and, whilst the heating is on, we suggest they do have some layers of clothing for when they are inside the building, for example, a vest or t-shirt under their school shirt/ jumper so that they do not feel uncomfortable as the weather gets colder.

We are endeavouring to get the children outside as much as possible and please may I ask for all children to have a waterproof coat in school and, if not already, some wellies or spare trainers so that they can continue to use the field.

We are planning to sell poppies as usual this year to support the Royal British Legion. This will be done in the classrooms and children will not be allowed to touch items prior to purchase. In addition to the paper poppies we also have slap bands, wristbands, keyrings and rubbers which are all £1 each. Unfortunately, we will not be in a position to give change so please ensure that your child has the correct change for their purchase.

The first of our Parents' Consultations are taking place this week. If you haven't done so already, please log in to your eSchools account to book a telephone appointment with your child's teacher. If you have any problems with this, please contact Fiona in the office.

I am due to attend an Academy Heads' meeting tomorrow and the main agenda item of course is how schools may have to adapt provision or make necessary changes in view of the restrictions coming into force from Thursday 5th. I will write to you again tomorrow with any further developments.

I hope you all managed to have a good break.

With best wishes,

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