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Dear Parent/Carer,

April 2022 Update

Happy Easter and welcome to the summer term! I hope that you have all enjoyed the holiday and have eaten plenty of chocolate eggs and celebrated the Easter story. The staff and I are looking forward to the summer term that has begun at pace today. I have had the pleasure of calling the parents/carers of our September new starters. I am thrilled to announce that we have filled our 20 spaces and are one of just a few schools that are over-subscribed. This is down to the hard work of the staff and children and also due to your kind words and support. I look forward to meeting the new children before the end of the term. If you know of any friends/relatives looking for school places in other year groups (especially year 4), please do ask them to contact me.

As always, the staff and I have been busy ensuring that the school is a safe and welcoming environment ready for the return of the children and staff. Each classroom has had a clean and staff have ensured that displays/areas are ready to encourage some super learning this term. Ash class have their very own bakery in Pudding Lane!

As per Trust advice/expectations we have and will follow the latest government advice regarding illness/absence etc. I would ask, once again, that you all adhere to and continue to follow both our own and the latest government rules and procedures as you have done so in the past. I am pleased to once again be able to welcome you to our Friday Collective Worship each week from 2:45. We will endeavour to hold other events throughout the summer during which we can see you all in school. Keep an eye out for dates and events!

Attendance/Isolation

We will continue to adhere to our normal attendance policy in line with Trust and Local Authority expectations that will include daily phone call checks etc. We would ask that you phone into school in the usual way if your child is unable to attend for whatever reason. As always, all holiday requests will be **unauthorised**. Please do be very mindful of taking children out of school especially having missed so much education recently.

Our revised planning and risk assessing has all taken place to allow **all** children to return to school safely from Tuesday 19th April. It is expected that your child (Year R-6) will attend school unless they have a valid reason for not doing so. The updated guidance is as follows:

- Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.
- Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can come back to School when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough.
- If a Child has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.
- Children who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

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Uniform/PE kit/Resources

We continue to expect all children to wear school uniform as per our policy available on the school website via: http://www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk/Content/documents/policies/school_uniform_policy.pdf School PE kit for **all** children will be required and is to be worn all day on a PE day. Please continue to support our uniform policy as you have always done so in the past. As always, please, please ensure that every item of uniform is clearly marked.

Learning/Curriculum

Once again, a full curriculum will be taught. You will have hopefully shared with your child the termly planners and class news available via Teams/School website. By sharing these, the children will have some knowledge of what they will be taught this term and may have even began research. Please do log into Teams on a regular basis as it will be used to upload important information. Accessing Teams now will also benefit the children in the long term when they will have to access a learning platform in secondary school for example. (All new TEAMS log in details have been sent home)

At the end of the spring term, children were assessed in a number of subjects and gaps in learning have once again been looked at and will be addressed this term. Staff will continue to use our very own adapted version of remote learning for children who are unable to attend for a longer period of time due to Covid-19 and are well enough to access the work. This is in line with both the DfE and Trust recommendations.

Maths homework will be set via 'My Maths' and children are expected to complete the tasks set. You also have access to the termly spellings that we ask you to refer to at home.

As always, I understand that you may well have a question regarding the information within this update. I would certainly welcome any questions as part of our commitment to **ENGAGE – CONSULT – DISCUSS**. Please email me, head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk with any questions and include April 19th in the subject field. If you are ever unsure about the latest isolation/close contacts information, do ask and I will be able to assist.

You will already be aware that we are a NUT/KIWI FREE school.

Yours faithfully,

Ashley Scott (Headteacher)

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