

Monday, 21 September 2020

**Update from Mr. Watson**



Dear parents/carers

Another week has gone by and attendance in school has fluctuated, both among pupils and staff.

It seems like everyone is doing the right thing and self-isolating when a person in the household develops symptoms, up to now thankfully, results are all coming back negative.

I myself have had to self-isolate from Tuesday, due to one of my boys developing a continuous cough. No one else in the house has been affected and I'm pretty sure it is a seasonal cold, but we got the test, did the test and are awaiting results – fingers crossed it will come back soon so we can at least step foot outside the front door.

Staff tell me the children have continued to perform superbly and the changes we made over the last two weeks to the plan seem to have had a positive impact. Thank you for your continued support.

For the coming week I would like to let things embed. There is however, an issue I would like to bring to your attention.

A number of concerned parents have approached school this week with regards to the situation on the roads at dropping off and picking up times.

Specifically, there have been a number of occasions when cars have driven up to the school gates on Kirkstall Road, then reversed back down whilst children and families have been arriving for school. This has created an unsafe feeling for many.

In addition, the school crossing warden also has grave concerns about the actions of some drivers on Cowlshaw Road and at the opening of Kirkstall.

It is felt by many that the situation is an accident waiting to happen, something I would not want to happen to any of our school community, nor be on the conscience of the person responsible.

Can I remind you that the school gates at Kirkstall Road are the only access to the school for emergency vehicles and should be kept clear at all times. In addition, Kirkstall Road is a resident parking permit zone and has idling restrictions and timed loading restrictions in place.

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School have informed Sheffield Local Authority of the situation and someone will be closely monitoring the roads around the school.

I do hope that by raising the issue with you, everyone will recognise the potential danger and act in a responsible and respectful manner.

As always, stay safe, stay sane and enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely

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