



Mr M Lloyd – Headteacher

5th November 2020

Dear families,

### **Re: Covid-19 Update - November 2020**

Yesterday afternoon, the Department for Education updated their guidance for schools. I am writing to you to inform you of the implications this has for Goonhavern Primary School. There are four sections in this letter; please take the time to read each of these sections carefully.

### **Extra-curricular clubs**

Unfortunately, in line with the updated guidance, we are unable to run extra-curricular clubs this half term. All after school clubs are cancelled with immediate effect. A text message will be sent to parents and carers to confirm this. Please note that Year 6 maths booster sessions are able to continue.

### **Wraparound care (breakfast and afterschool club)**

Wraparound care can continue to operate for parents and carers who require childcare to enable them to work, search for work or to undertake training or education.

If you are using the club, please note the following:

- The maximum number of children in the club is capped at 15.
- Families **must** now book in advance by contacting the school office.
- Face coverings must be worn by parents/carers who are dropping off.
- There is a one way system in place: please drop children off at the library, entering through the link corridor and then exit through the main school entrance.
- A handwashing station is set up at the entrance. Please ensure hands are sanitised upon entry.
- Please make a conscious effort to avoid staying in school any longer than necessary.

### **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Children**

The following information has been taken from the updated guidance. Please read it carefully and seek medical advice if you believe your child may be Clinically Extremely Vulnerable.

*More evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from coronavirus (COVID-19), even for children with existing health conditions. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow original shielding advice. Parents should be advised to speak to their child's GP or specialist*

*clinician if they have not already done so, to understand whether their child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.*

*Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend education during the period this advice is in place.*

*Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education or childcare.*

*Parents of clinically extremely vulnerable children will be receiving a letter shortly confirming this advice.*

## **Ventilation and school uniform**

With the requirement to keep classrooms well ventilated, windows are kept open throughout the school day. This means classrooms are colder than usual and we are therefore making a temporary change to the school's uniform policy.

We will be introducing new school hoodies that will be warmer than cardigans and jumpers. You will receive a letter shortly with further details about how to order these. Please note that the school will support families facing financial difficulties to meet the cost of purchasing these new hoodies.

A copy of this letter will be available on the school website for future reference, under the Covid-19 tab (along with previous guidance).

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

With warmest regards,

Mark Lloyd

Headteacher