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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

May I take this opportunity of updating you with our current Covid situation.

Despite the optimism from the government that life will soon return to normal, I intend to proceed this term with caution. As we work with and alongside the largest group of unvaccinated people (primary school children), we want to ensure that we will be able to proceed with relatively few positive cases in school. Our Covid risk assessment will be reviewed on a half-termly basis, and should cases diminish rapidly on Portland we will then have the opportunity to carry on life in school as normal.

We still have a large number of pupils/families who are infected and isolating for 5-6 days until they have two consecutive negative lateral flow tests.

The Four School Heads totally agreed, with the support of Public Health England, that keeping some basic restrictions in place is a sensible approach.

Children will operate in year group bubbles which allows trips, residential and other events to take place.

If your child is absent from school, due to illness, it is your parental duty to notify the school on the morning of your child's absence. Please report this on the school absence line (01305 820520 – option 1). Please leave a message stating your child's name, class and nature of illness/absence, alternatively you can leave a message via the school email:

office@stgeorgesportland.dorset.sch.uk

or leave a message on: 07768978983

The number of pupils arriving late has increased and it is essential that all pupils arrive at the correct time. It is not acceptable for children to arrive late with the notion that there is a time span of approximately 5-10 minutes. These delays affect the actual teaching times and staff need to start the day promptly. Lateness also affects your child's attendance as well as their mental health and wellbeing. The Local Authority expects all attendance to be monitored closely including the usual Attendance Panels held in school.

May I remind parents and children to remember their PE kits, packed lunches, drinks and other equipment needed to be school ready. It can prove very disruptive for staff and the Admin Team to constantly ring parents and deliver lunches throughout the school morning.

Can I ask parents to not bring their dogs on to the school premises either on a lead or by holding them.

School will finish for half-term on Thursday 17th February at 3.15 pm.

Friday 18th February is an INSET day.

I must emphasise to all parents that the last year or so has been incredibly difficult for families. We are always here to help you and your situation should it be affecting your child's education. If you feel that you would benefit from some additional help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me via my PA, Mrs Hughes.

Best Wishes

Mrs J Luxon

