

Homework –

Friday 16th October 2020



Miss Wall



Dear Parent/Carer

I wonder if everyone was as disappointed as I was to see videos of so many people in Liverpool on Tuesday night showing their contempt for the rules by ignoring social distancing and making life for the police difficult. We have seen a lot of this sort of behaviour in the past few months all over the country – and it is sad. Some people see this as individuals showing their ‘independence of spirit,’ but as a school community, I think we need to show respect for society’s rules both in school and at home if we want to bring up **responsible young people...**

I have just come off ‘gate-duty’ to write the homework front page (Wednesday) for Friday’s homework. We had members of staff on all three gates as parents had expressed concern about a perceived lack of social distancing and mask-wearing and we just wanted to be there to remind everyone of their importance. As I went to my duty, I was half-expecting some resistance from some parents: we see so many examples around the country of people who flout the rules. But I was delighted to see (on all three gates) that everyone respected the request to wear masks and come alone to pick up children. We had asked parents to wear masks particularly on a Wednesday as the time-period for picking up children is shorter than on other days. I can imagine a time when we might have to ask parents to wear masks at all times, but we are not at that point yet.

On the subject of masks, parents probably know that the government does not want teachers wearing face coverings. I’m not sure of any other profession where the government expects people to sacrifice their own safety by not wearing masks – they have accepted that social distancing cannot happen in schools, but the risk to teacher safety is one that the government is willing to take! I hope that parents don’t get tired of the praise I keep heaping on the teachers of this school, not only for giving up holidays to keep key-worker children in school during lockdown, but for their willingness to just roll up their sleeves and get on with it at all times: teachers have been as frightened as any section of society but they just get on with it...

So we have no disco next week ☺. None of us believed it would be a risk, but we felt compelled to follow Public Health England advice on the matter. However, we will be having mini-competitions for best pumpkin with prizes for each class, and we will have a non-uniform day on Friday where children can wear Hallowe’en costumes should they wish, with the £1 going towards the school fund (we have Christmas to pay for pretty soon...)

Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...

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Please make sure that your child’s medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.