



## Message from the Principal

Having reached the mid-point of the autumn term, I know I have said this before, but it really has been a term like no other. I am so thankful to everyone – children, staff and parents – for their support in ensuring our children can be in school after such a lengthy period of disruption. Everyone has quickly adapted to our new ways of working and whilst I know they are sometimes cumbersome, we know these sacrifices are worth it if it means children are back in school. I want to thank our wonderful staff team. These are certainly tough times for us all but you all need to be aware of their hard work, dedication and commitment to the children – they are a fantastic team.

This continues to be a challenging time for us while we head into new national restrictions. Throughout the pandemic, we have worked hard to ensure the health and wellbeing of our staff and our students – and we will always put our school community first.

**Our school remains open. All students should continue to come to class unless they or someone in their household has tested positive for Coronavirus, and everyone is self-isolating. The best place for students is at school where they can continue their learning and development.**

We still need your help at the start and, in particular, the end of the day. **We have asked parents to wear a face covering and to distance appropriately.** I have spoken to a number of parents who have not been wearing a mask who have told me that this is because they are exempt. This, of course, is fine but please can I ask that you therefore take additional care and do all you can to ensure sufficient distancing from other adults and children.

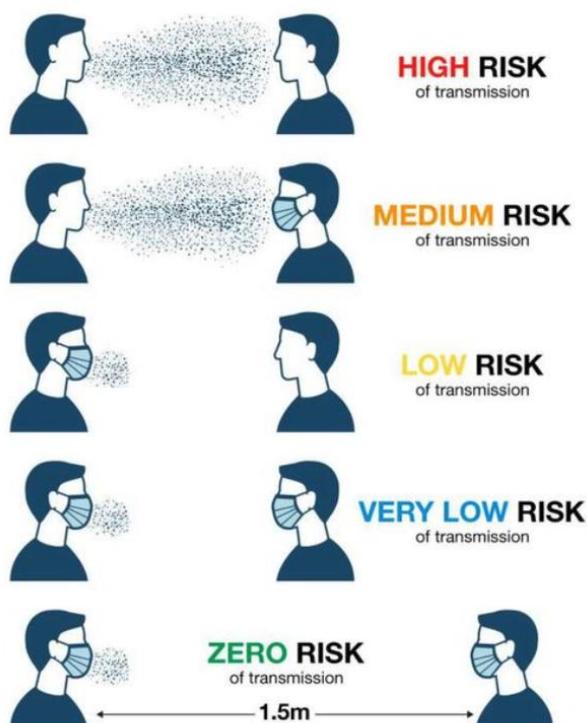
I'm afraid that we are still not able to run after school clubs or trips; we will review this again at the end of term.

Thank you for your support and for playing your part in helping our school to remain fully open. If you do have any questions or would like to speak to me about this or any aspect of school life, do come and talk to me on the school gate or contact the school office who will be able to schedule a phone call or meeting.

Please follow the new government [guidance](#) and please stay safe.

Daniel Upfield  
Principal

### How effective are face masks?



## Key Dates for Autumn 2



Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Children can wear non-uniform. Donations to Children in Need welcome
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal flu vaccinations Please remember to return paperwork to school ASAP
Week Beginning 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent/Teacher consultations Due to the current situation, parent/teacher consultations will be via phone call. You will be advised of your appointment time
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day School closed to children
Week beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> December	RE Drop-down Day 2: Judaism
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for the Christmas Holiday at 1.30pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring Term