



4th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to wish a Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone. We are looking forward to welcoming children back to school tomorrow.

As we start the New Year 2021 at Gig Mill Primary I would ask that we all continue to work together as a school community and follow the guidance set out by the government and now locally as a Tier 4 area. This is to protect your children, your families and our school staff team and our families.

All existing arrangements will continue and has now been reviewed in line with new local or national guidance. The updated risk assessment will be placed on the website shortly.

Just a few reminders:

- Please remember it is 'drop and go' system for everyone, only one adult per family group is allowed on school premises.
- We would urge you again to arrive at drop off times, not before, ensuring space for other year groups and parents to safely drop off, keeping to social distancing wherever possible.
- Please do not congregate by the school gates and respect others in the school community by following **HANDS, FACE, SPACE**.

Safe Wearing of Masks:

- In line with national and local guidance we request that parents and carers wear a mask when dropping off and collecting children at school.
- For primary aged children the guidance is still that masks are not required, unless there is a medical reason that we are not already aware of (if this is the case – please email info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk).

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Absences:

- Thank you for continuing to contact school regarding any COVID related absences and keeping us up to date with any children self-isolating.
- **Please do not send your child to school if you or someone in the household has COVID symptoms.**

Please be assured that the health, safety and well-being of your children, the staff working within the school and the wider community remain our most important priority.

Thank you again for your ongoing co-operation, support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Hannaway
Headteacher

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Chair of Governors