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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping well and thank you for all the contributions that have been coming into school for the Crowthorne Food Bank; we will celebrate these kind gifts in our Harvest Assembly tomorrow. It is wonderful that there are so many kind and caring families who have donated items that are very much needed by others in financial difficulties, this year more than ever. Tomorrow will be the final day for any donations – all of which will be very gratefully received.

Covid-19 Risk Assessment

I am very pleased to be able to share with you that we had our visit from our CEO of the Trust and our Bracknell Forest Health & Safety Adviser this week, to inspect our school and our procedures, now the whole school is back. I shared a few concerns with them to see if there was anything further we should be doing. They were very clear that now is not the time to be making any changes to our risk assessment in the current climate, especially when our procedures are working so well. Some parents have asked when they will be allowed back on site but I am afraid this will not be until government guidance states that social distancing is no longer needed.

New Hand Sanitisers for Children

All classes and the hall will soon have wall-mounted hand sanitisers, using a 70% alcohol-based sanitiser. Having consulted our local authority and our health and safety adviser, I can confirm there is no risk for children using this as a hand sanitiser, which will be used to ease pinch-points during the day when there are 64 children needing to wash hands - this will of course be under adult supervision. Some children already use their own hand sanitising gel and of course it is still perfectly ok for them to continue to use these.

If for any reason you do not want your child to use the wall-mounted sanitisers, please do let us know via admin@oaklands-wokingham.jun.sch.uk and then this can be collated in one place and shared with the relevant class teachers. For parents who would like further information, the hand sanitising gel we are using is the brand Oceanfree+ which is antibacterial, and is a surgical/medical grade. It is 70% alcohol which is safe to use as a hand gel as it kills 99.99% of bacteria. We will of course still be hand washing frequently and this is just to reduce queues at busy times.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H. West
Headteacher