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Dear Parents/Carers

We are very pleased with the way all students have settled into school and their new classes. We are pleased to say that there have had relatively few issues with school transport but please let us know if you are experiencing any problems. We will be contacting you in the next few weeks about arranging parental consultation meetings on Tuesday October 5th.

COVID Update

Students under 18 years and 6 months no longer have to self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. We will however inform you should we have cases in your child's class and we will advise you to book a PCR test for them.

We have a number of lateral flow tests in school – however we are not administering them. If you would like kits sent home please let the school office know. If a lateral flow test shows a positive result you will need to book a PCR test and your child should then remain at home until you receive the result.

Please do not send your child into school if they are unwell or displaying any of the COVID symptoms- high temperature, continuous cough – or sore throat.

We are now encouraging students to change for PE so please make sure they have T-Shirt/shorts or track-suit bottoms to change into on the days they have PE.

On-Line Safety

Please see information the school has received from Barnet re On-Line Safety:

Online safety experts have been alerted to an extremely dangerous website and app called '**Monkey**', which allows users to have video calls with strangers. The platform markets itself as 'an alternative to *Omegle*, with a *TikTok* vibe'. The online safety experts reviewed and tested this platform and have found that it contains large amounts of inappropriate, disturbing, and harmful content transmitted via web cameras.

Age Rating

- The **website** states that all users must be over 18, but there is zero age verification. Users only have to tick a box to confirm that they are over 18. **Google Play Age Rating:** Parental Guidance.
- The app is currently **only available** on Android devices.

[Safeguarding ALERT - Monkey Web - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

Term dates

Just to remind you there have been a couple of amendments to the school term dates- please check the calendar on the school website

With best wishes.

Lynda Walker

Headteacher