

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Helping Us to Help You – Keeping Safe Foundation Stage Forest School and Sherbourne Sessions

We are grateful for the support and fantastic engagement that we are receiving during the sessions currently in place for children in the Foundation Stage. They are providing the most wonderful opportunities for play and learning and we are looking forward to the sessions planned for the forthcoming weeks.

Over recent weeks we have been faced with an emerging challenge as parents and children wait for the sessions, or when leaving the sessions. At these times it is often the case that children from Key Stage 1 are at play in the courtyard as part of our arrangements to maintain separation between bubbles of children inside school.

More recently it has been the case that growing numbers of parents and family members are finding it difficult to resist the understandable temptation to engage directly with other family members who are in school at this time. As this has occurred more frequently and attracted larger numbers of children and friends, it is now compromising the protocols that we have in place in keeping children safe at a time when the school has additional responsibilities towards your child in relation to the coronavirus.

With this in mind we must ask that parents and family members <u>do not seek</u> direct contact with children when waiting for or leaving the building during the school day. We understand that this may present some challenge, but are reassured that as a community you have supported our consideration of the safety of all of our children throughout this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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