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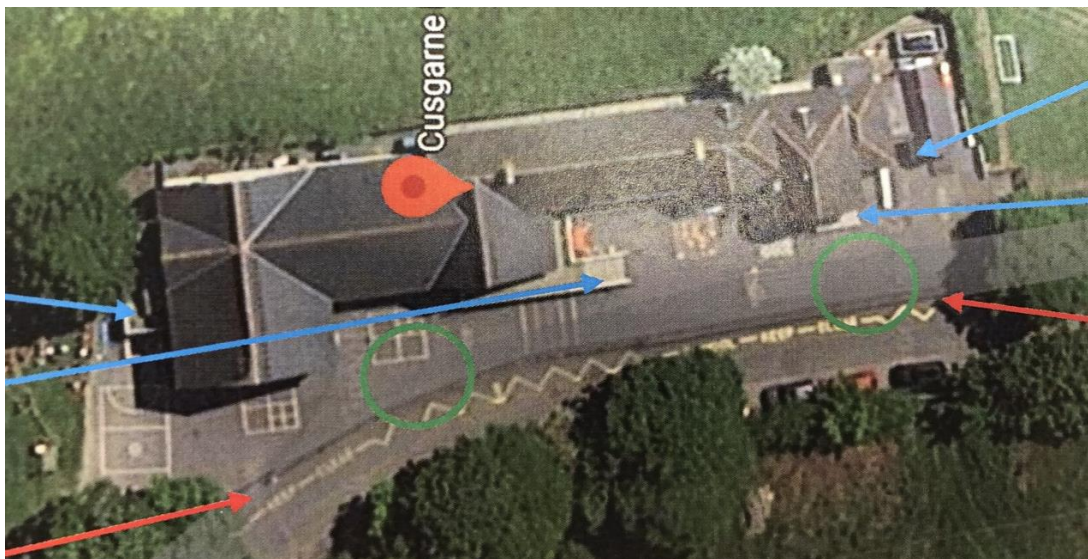
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Dear Parents

I hope that you all have a super half term and are ready for the run up to Christmas. The new national lockdown comes into force today and will once again affect all our daily lives. The government has released their guidance for schools which in brief, is that we shall continue with our in-school measures to minimise the risk of infection and carry on with all the normal functions of a school day. The children are being absolute stars and are regularly washing their hands throughout the day and adhering to all the other hygiene rules we have in place.

Obviously we are all very aware of the need to keep safe distances and regularly wash our hands. We would like to remind parents that this applies to you too. Please be respectful of the 2m rule when waiting/dropping off your children and use the 'waiting areas' (in green circles on the map below). Please do not congregate in the gate areas – especially near the top gated area where it is narrow - as this reduces the amount of room people have to safely pass by.



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We want everyone to feel safe and are mindful that some parents may be in the clinically vulnerable category and are understandably more nervous about passing close by other adults not stood in the waiting areas.

We notice many more adults are wearing face masks when dropping off and collecting and welcome this. However, until the government guidelines on masks being worn in primary schools changes, which includes the playground, we are unable to enforce mask wearing.

Please be reassured that we are doing all we can in school to maintain as much normality as possible and I hope it helps to know that the children are all really happy and enjoying being around their friends.

Over the weekend, please take a moment to check that your child/ren are able to access the home learning section of the school website. If you are having any difficulties, please let us know so that we can rectify this as soon as possible.

Aspire Academies Trust – Sumdog Contest 6th to 12th November – As part of National Maths Week, I am pleased to let you know that all schools from across our Trust are invited to take part in the upcoming Sumdog Contest and there are some fantastic prizes available including:

- A trophy for the winning class
- Virtual Sumdog coins for all children in the winning class
- Certificates for 2nd and 3rd place
- Virtual prizes within Sumdog for all children taking part

All children will be given opportunities to go on Sumdog in school next week and it has been set as a homework task this weekend.

A message from Mr Barnard

Hello! I'm really sorry to not be back at school yet, I'm missing everyone so much, but I hear that you are all getting on really well and that school is as happy and busy as always. I'm following doctor's orders and need to continue to rest and recuperate at home for a little while longer. Thank you so much for your thoughtful messages and cards. Keep working hard, have fun and look after one another. I will be back as soon as I can be, and can't wait to see you all.



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School Council – we are delighted to announce our school councillors, with 2 pupils representing each year group:

Year 6 – Eliza and Freya

Year 5 – Chloe and Martha

Year 4 – Esther and Jemima

Year 3 – Merryn and Taylor

Year 2 – Abi B and Daisy

Year 1 – Alexis and Caspar

Year R – Amy and Isabelle

Their new badges have been made and one of their first actions was to ask if Cusgarne School could support Children in Need this year. Next Friday (13th) will be a non-uniform day but please could all the children come into school wearing something spotty. It could be anything such as a hairband or a jumper with spots on, or why not decorate some old trousers with spots?

The class representatives will be meeting next week to discuss what activities each class could do.

This year, please DO NOT bring your monetary donation into school since we do not want to handle the collection. Instead, we are asking that the parents make a suitable donation which can be made via the official donation page.

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



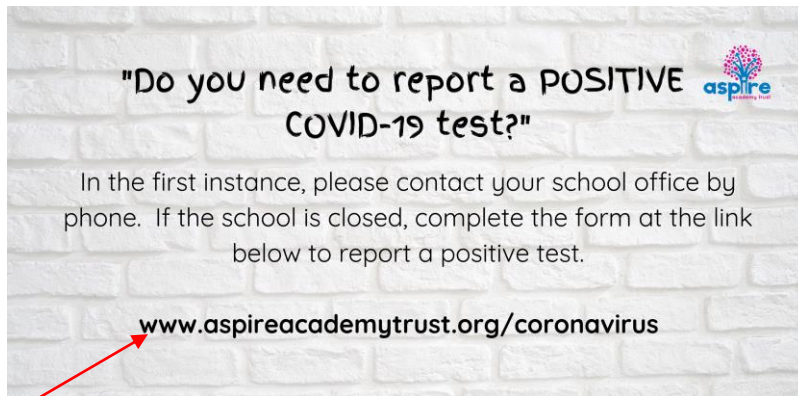
If you are having a Bonfire Party, please stay safe and remember to follow the instructions of the adults. Have a super weekend.

Yours sincerely

Julia Murray
Acting Head of School



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Please keep a note of this email address and remember to notify us even if it is out of hours.



Perhaps you can ask your parents to find a virtual firework display to watch together?



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