Dear Parents

I know that this is an uncertain and worrying time for all concerned. I certainly don’t want to spread undue fear however, I urge you all to support and protect each other by adhering to the current government guidelines.

**I believe children, families and school staff members all deserve to be protected from potential infection wherever possible.**

**I need you to keep your children at home for their safety and the safety of my staff and the wider community.**

**We, as a school, remain open for parents who *genuinely* need their children to attend as a protective measure and for those who have no other choice.**

Children being ‘under your feet’ or ‘distracting’ as you work from home is not a reason for sending them to a school setting. Only if children are at risk of significant harm by remaining at home or neither parent or alternative carer can provide care as they are at work – frontline key workers only – are entitled to school based provision.

Please can you inform the school if your child needs to attend by 3:00pm on the day before by email (main@southascotvillageschool.org.uk) so sufficient staff can be made available for the following day’s childcare and activities prepared.

Social distancing means that staff and children will be separated by 2m whenever possible.

Other restrictive measures must and will be taken to keep everyone safe – dynamic risk assessments are made continually by all staff to keep all away from harm.

I would appreciate all your help in this matter and continued understanding.

Keep safe and well

Kate Rimell