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Dear Parents and Carers

The Rule of Six From Monday, as coronavirus restrictions are eased, the 'Rule of Six' applies outdoors. Please apply this sensibly when you are on the school run and when you are on the school grounds. A few local primary and secondary schools have had to close multiple bubbles in recent weeks; we certainly shouldn't let our guards down just yet.

Spring is upon us It is wonderful to see the daffodils in bloom and the trees beginning to blossom as I drive through the village on my way into school. On the theme of new life, as you know, Mrs Veness and I are expecting a new arrival at some point in the Easter holidays. Therefore, I plan to take paternity leave for the first two weeks of next term. The school will be in the more than capable hands of the team, led by Mrs Jones and Miss Banfield. Mr Paul Atkins, an experienced headteacher, will also be in school part time across those two weeks taking on some of my responsibilities and ensuring that Mrs Jones and Miss Banfield are able to continue to focus on teaching and learning.

Attendance The return to school has led to a few illnesses spreading around the children – colds, headaches and stomach bugs. Thankfully, we have had no further positive Covid-19 cases. **Please report any absence to the school office** on each day of absence, using the contact details above. Emails sent directly to the Scopay account are not monitored. Children are best placed to make progress when their attendance at school is consistently above 95%; we regularly have children who manage to attend for 100% of an academic year. Whilst these past two academic years have been interrupted by the pandemic, this principle remains the same and, if anything, is more important than ever. Let's hope that the majority of bugs are all over and done with after Easter!

Best wishes

Mr. J. Veness