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Dear Parents and Children,

It has been almost one week since we all heard the announcement from Boris Johnson that we are to embark on Lockdown 2. I hear some of you cry 'what does that mean for us and schools?' The simple answer at present is very little change for education. Schools remain open and we are pleased to be supporting our families, community and also our local NHS by doing our part and more importantly continuing the education for our much loved children. They have missed a lot of school this year and we are pleased to have the school running whilst maintaining its Covid -19 safety measures.

However there are a few added measures you can take to support us whilst we continue to keep schools open during lockdown and hopefully reduce the risk of any Covid-19 positive cases in school. These are as follows:

- To reduce the number of people on the pavements at the start of the day please can **1 adult collect and drop of at school/church gates.**
- We would appreciate it if **you could wear a mask when dropping off and picking up** your child, this would help support and protect the teachers/staff on the gates.
- Remember to keep your distance from staff, the guidance as highlighted from the DfE reminds us to **stay 2 metres distance** from those you do not live with, or 1 metre if wearing a mask.
- If you would like to discuss an issue with a teacher please call, Dojo or email the school, to arrange a time to discuss or simply pass on the message. It is very difficult to have conversations at a social distance whilst maintaining privacy.
- Remember there should be **NO gatherings at pick up and drop off** and you should minimise the time spent outside the home with other people.

- Due to the no families mixing children should not be picked up/dropped off by different adults that are not in their household. If a family has a childcare arrangement with 1 other family this needs to be a consistent arrangement as part of a childcare arrangement. **Please do not ask the teachers to dismiss the children to an adult that is not a household member.**

These measures are in line with the DfE Guidance released on Tuesday 3rd November and states;

“You should minimise time spent outside your home and when around other people ensure that you are two metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

Remember - ‘Hands. Face. Space’:

- hands – wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds
- face – wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- space – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors)
....Parents are able to form a childcare bubble with another household for the purposes of informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under. As above, some households will also be able to benefit from being in a [support bubble](#), which allows single adult households to join another household.”

For the full guidance please read the link https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november?utm_source=3%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

I would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support. By following the above measures we hope to support our community, our school and reduce any spread of the virus in our community and consequently help us all return back to normality sooner.

Back in March during the first lockdown when families and children were at home, I have heard from many parents who were encouraging their children to learn a life skill, such as improving their cooking skills or, for the older children, learning about the engine of a car....with an adult!! Whilst many afterschool clubs are not operating during Lockdown 2, it would be great to hear these being developed further or perhaps choosing to develop another life skill. Whatever these exciting skills are that you choose to do, I look forward to hearing all about in school.

Above all, **THANK YOU** for your support, **ENJOY** your time together after school and at weekends and remember to have down time and **RELAX!**

Have a great weekend when it arrives and thank you for being such fantastic parents, supporting your children and supporting us!

Stay safe and well, God bless

Mrs S Woods,

Headteacher