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Dear parents/carers,

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It has been wonderful to welcome back our families after the half term break. School has a positive atmosphere and children are continuing to adapt well to the measures that are currently in place.

As I am sure you are aware, the Government plan greater restrictions to come into force across England on Thursday November 5th. With a month long national lockdown, our restrictions from September remain in place. To ensure we can enforce our robust Risk Assessment during a national lockdown, we have added some additional measures. This is to protect our children, families and staff and to reduce risk.

Help us to reduce the risk of adult to adult infection -

During the four-week national lockdown we ask that all adults dropping off and collecting children wear a face covering (unless exempt from wearing one) whilst on school grounds and maintain social distancing from other adults and children who are not in your household. We would ask that only one adult at a time accompanies each family of children. Adults in school will be wearing face visors when inside and will continue to stay within their allocated "bubble" of children. Child to child infection in primary school children is less common than in teenagers and adults. Science suggests that primary aged children do not need to wear face coverings and if they do it can do more harm than good. We will continue with our enhanced cleaning and handwashing routines to help reduce the risk of infection to everyone within our school. We will review the use of face visors for staff and face coverings for adults on the school site (dropping off or collecting children) at the end of the lockdown.

In line with Government requirements we would ask that families do the following;

Stay at home –

This means you must not leave or be outside of your home except for specific purposes. These include:

- for childcare or education, where this is not provided online
- for work purposes, where your place of work remains open and where you cannot work from home (including if your job involves working in other people's homes)
- to exercise outdoors or visit an outdoor public place - with the people you live with, with your support bubble or, when on your own, with 1 person from another household.
- for any medical concerns, reasons, appointments and emergencies, or to avoid or escape risk of injury or harm - such as domestic abuse
- shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which should be as infrequent as possible
- to visit members of your [support bubble](#) or provide care for vulnerable people, or as a volunteer

Meeting with family and friends –

You must not meet socially indoors with family or friends unless they are part of your household - meaning the people you live with - or [support bubble](#).

A [support bubble](#) is where a household with one adult joins with another household. Households in that support bubble can still visit each other, stay overnight, and visit outdoor public places together.

Children who have parents living separately can still move between the two homes.

You can exercise or visit outdoor public places with the people you live with, your support bubble, or 1 person from another household.

Outdoor public places include:

- parks, beaches, countryside,
- public gardens (whether or not you pay to enter them), allotments
- playgrounds

You cannot meet in a private garden.

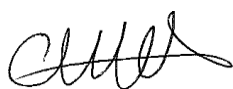
Additional guidance from the Government is expected before Thursday 5th November and we will send more information to parents as soon as we receive these documents.

Additional information can be found via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

We must reinforce that, whilst these measures may seem strict, they are in place to reduce the risk to our children, families and staff. We hope that you understand and continue to support our protective measures. As always, we will review our measures in line with local and national developments.

Many thanks for your support and understanding.

Regards,



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Headteacher