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5th November 2020 LOCKDOWN Information Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, the Government announced a further national lockdown beginning today, **Thursday, 05th November 2020**. I am writing to update following further guidance received from the DfE on Wednesday 4th November.

We have reviewed and updated our school Risk Assessment and this can be found on our school website. We decided to highlight the changes for you so it is easier to identify what has been updated.

The R rate in all areas is increasing significantly, and while we are doing everything we can to make our school as safe as possible, we continue to need your help to ensure our community is also as safe as possible and that we prevent closures of year groups or bubbles.

What we are already doing in school

In school, we are being extremely careful to maintain the correct social distance and have the following in place:

1. We continue to follow our staggered start and exits times. Parents are requested NOT to arrive before their allotted time as this causes congestion in our narrow pathways.
2. Classes remain in their year groups bubbles.
3. Lunches and playtimes are staggered.
4. There are no whole school meetings held in school at the present time. These are done virtually wherever possible.
5. Assemblies are conducted virtually in class.
6. Face to face meetings with parents will only be held if absolutely necessary and if other means of communication are not accessible, such as Microsoft Teams.
7. Visitors to the school are limited as far as possible.
8. Visitors will only be allowed into school if attending a necessary pre-arranged appointment or conducting necessary grounds and maintenance checks.
9. All visitors to our school will have to sign a COVID-19 agreement and be required to wear a face covering or facial visor.
10. When visitors are invited into school, they wear a mask especially when moving around the school and outside their class bubbles, wash their hands regularly and keep socially distant from children and other adults when appropriate.
11. Children continue to wash their hands regularly throughout the day.
12. Staff have started wearing masks when we walk around the school and when outside at the gates.
13. Additional cleaning continues to be in place and I would like to thank Mr Roach and his team for ensuring all safety measures are in place.

Parents can help by:

1. Wearing facemasks when dropping off and picking up children at the school gates. We request that, unless you are exempt, that you please wear a mask when you have to enter





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the school grounds. I know they are uncomfortable, but they really might help us to keep ourselves and the children in school.

2. Please maintain social distancing of 2m away from other parents.
3. Please **DO NOT** congregate at the entrances of the school. This causes congestion and makes some of our families feel very anxious.
4. Please email teachers if you would like to communicate with them, as they will not be able to have conversations with you at the gate.
5. If your child displays any Covid symptoms (continuous cough, high temperature or the loss of taste and or smell) please do not send them to school and have a test done. Please do inform the school as soon as possible of any positive results.
6. Please be conscious of others' wellbeing and safety by adhering to the school procedures.

Shielding

The DfE has been very clear on their guidance regarding shielding. All **clinically extremely vulnerable** pupils should have received a letter from their GP, hospital or national service informing them to shield.

If your child has not received this letter then they should attend school unless they display any of the Covid symptoms, in which case they should isolate and follow the guidelines for households with a possible or confirmed case:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak#:~:text=Anyone%20who%20has%20coronavirus%20\(%20life%20is%20at%20risk.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak#:~:text=Anyone%20who%20has%20coronavirus%20(%20life%20is%20at%20risk.)

Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education.

Positive Covid Cases

In the event that we do have a positive Covid case we will always follow the advice from Public Health England and we will notify parents and staff if there are any actions that we are advised to take. We are working on a two-week home learning pack as well as remote learning opportunities that can be accessed on any device. If you haven't already completed the survey about 'Remote Learning' at home, please can you do so urgently by following this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1o9Abs24K10CKFCC56mwlaXsSTOGYqYhNlsEjC-VU1o/edit.>

The new guidance is clear that wraparound care is able to continue. There will not be any changes to our breakfast club, after school clubs or Tree Tops provision.

We will continue to update parents/carers as and when we receive information or updates from the Government, DfE and/or the Local Authority.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss the content of this letter or any other school related concern.

Yours sincerely,

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