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National Lockdown Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and safe and have enjoyed the half term break.

On Saturday 31 October, the Prime Minister announced that as the rate of Covid-19 infections has increased, we would now be entering a period of lockdown across the whole country from Thursday 5th November until 2nd December, or longer if needed. This is, of course, very disappointing news but **absolutely necessary** to help protect us all from the risks of this on-going pandemic.

As a school, we will continue to do all we can to ensure children and staff are kept as safe as possible. You will already be aware of the robust measures we have in place to comply with government guidelines. This, of course, includes maintaining year group bubbles and practising good hand hygiene throughout the day. However, your help is needed if we all to play out part in protecting ourselves and each other. **We need to make the next four weeks of lockdown count in reducing the R rate; so please adhere to the following:**

- Only one adult to accompany your child/children to and from school. Please remind older children of this requirement when collecting siblings.
- **YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A FACE MASK WHEN ANYWHERE ON SCHOOL PREMISES**, unless there is a medical reason for you not to do so.
- When approaching, and on school premises; **MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING** between each other and when speaking with any member of staff. The two metre rule must be followed at all times.
- **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES BEFORE YOUR CHILD'S ALLOTTED START TIME.** When collecting children at the end of the day, please leave the school grounds promptly.
- You must ensure your child is on time every day and also that you are on time to collect your child/ren at the end of each day
- We would like to reassure you that the school will follow clear guidelines if a member of staff is absent due to testing positive for Covid-19. There may be times when individual members of staff may be absent in response to track and trace.

Many of you have already supported the school by using the phone or email to contact us and this is by far the preferred method. Most matters can be dealt with or passed to the relevant person by phone or email. This significantly reduces footfall and helps promote a safer environment for the entire school community. Please do try to avoid visits to the school office unless absolutely essential.

Although these are all very simple measures to follow, they are proven to be effective in helping to reduce the transition rate of the virus. The next few weeks will certainly be challenging but if we all pull together, there may be a possibility of families being together for the Christmas period.

No matter what, we will always focus on making school fun for the children and we have lots of events and plans in place over the next half term to bring some joy and 'normality'.

Our priority is to keep everyone as safe as we can and together, as a community, I'm certain we can by following the guidance and sticking to the rules. I ask that you continue to be kind and respectful to our team, they need it just as much as anyone else and your positive feedback means the world to us.

Please let us know if you need help with anything, including emotional support, we are here for each other during this really difficult time and have access to advice and guidance that may help. I will keep you informed of any changes that need to be made to school life over the next few weeks.

Kind regards

Mrs Goulthorpe