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Dear Parents and Carers,

Your weekly update letter number 8.

Firstly, I hope that you all enjoyed the half-term and had a good break despite the weather and the news of a further national lockdown from midnight today.

As you are no doubt aware daily cases of COVID infections are rising both locally and nationally and with that in mind we wanted to write today to update you before the implementation of the new national measures. As you have no doubt seen schools will be staying open and all pupils are expected to attend school throughout the lockdown.

We would like to reassure you that all of the robust measures we communicated with you last half-term will remain in place, and it is imperative that we **ALL** comply with **ALL** of these measures in order to protect our pupils, staff and each other and to keep our school bubbles open.

We respectfully ask that you:

- Continue to wear face masks on site, **AND** we also ask that you wear them when waiting for gates to open and that you socially distance from each other when doing so.
- Adhere to staggered start and finish times - to minimise queuing at gates we would remind you to arrive **ON TIME**, not early or late please, and leave the site immediately after dropping off or picking up.
- Abide by the one-way systems in place – entry from the High Street at the junior site and exit from Victoria Road, entry at Portland Road gates for the infant site and exit onto Shrubbery Lane. **ONLY** residents of Victoria Road should wait outside that gate on the pavement, well away from the gateway and socially distancing from each other.
- Do not enter the school building under any circumstances and communicate important messages via school email or by telephone (see above).

All school staff will now also wear face masks on the gates and playgrounds when meeting and greeting the children and will communicate any important information via telephone or email too. Regular and thorough handwashing, sanitising and additional cleaning procedures will continue, there will continue to be no visitors to school except for essential support for children and in an emergency.

In summary everything in school remains the same – however there is now a significantly increased local risk which means that vigilance and co-operation from **EVERY** member of our community is essential.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Sonner
Deputy Head of Federation