



Monday 2nd November 2020

Dear parent/carers,

As I am sure you are aware, the Government has announced a new national lockdown, which will begin on Thursday 5th November. During this time, schools will remain open; however, we are writing to inform you of some changes that will be taking place to ensure the safety of our school community.

When entering our school site, adults and children over the age of 11 will now be required to wear a face mask or covering. This precaution will help to reduce the risk of transmitting the Covid-19 virus on the school site (at the gate on Mill Road). We would like to remind you that only one adult should enter the site to drop and collect children and, whilst they are on the site, that they need to socially distance away from other families. This includes younger and older siblings, who need to remain by their parent's side or be seated in a pushchair. It is important that these drop-offs and pick-ups are punctual and parents leave the site as soon as their child has entered or exited the building. Please do not linger for conversations with other parents during this time, so we can ensure the safety of groups entering the site. It is also imperative that children walking to school alone aim to get here promptly and do not gather at the school gates or walk with other children to and from school without socially distancing.

Unfortunately, our teachers are not available for conversations when they are collecting their classes and we would like to ask you to direct any concerns or queries to the member of staff at the sanitising station (usually Mrs Morgan, Mrs Watts and Mrs Smith). You are also welcome to phone the school office to leave a message or make an appointment for your child's teacher to phone you.

During this time, our primary concern is to keep our school community safe, whilst we continue to ensure our pupils catch up on their lost learning to give them the best opportunities in life. Sadly, this means that some of our usual activities will not be taking place. Swimming for year 5 (Ladybirds class) is postponed from this week - we hope to be able to take the children swimming later this academic year. We will also be continuing to limit the number of visitors to the school during this time.

We would like to thank you for your on-going support to help us continue to run the school safely during these turbulent times.

Best wishes,

Mrs Tracy Morgan and Mrs Samantha Watts

