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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your family all well and happy. These are indeed difficult and changing times and given the government's Lockdown decision on Saturday, we too have decided to make changes to our current Covid risk assessment both as a response to this announcement and to the isolated case that we experienced just before half-term.

We are going to move into this new school organisation from Thursday for the duration of the lockdown and the remaining weeks before Christmas.

We will be organising children into class bubbles throughout the duration of the day, including the drop-offs and pick-ups.

At the beginning of the day, Year 6 and Year 5 will be asked to line up in classes within the staff car park. They will then be sent into class in a class-by-class basis.

At the end of the day, they will be released class-by-class, with a slight stagger to allow you to swiftly collect them or for them to walk home either on their own, as a household or with members of their class bubble only – we will be strongly discouraging mixing.

Both at the beginning and end of the day, Years 3 and 4 parents and children, will be allowed into the main playground to wait in one of 6 class zones at outlined below.



We would ask parents to limit themselves to these zones at the beginning and end of day, except when entering and exiting when the crossing zones is permissible.

Furthermore, we would ask that all adults and children aged 12 or over, whilst on the school site, wear a mask or face shield.

Children, at breaktimes and lunchtimes, will play in one of the playzones as identified in the drop-off and pick-up photo, as a class but they will rotate round on a weekly basis to give all children the opportunity to play in the various parts of our playground.

All my staff will be required to wear a mask or face shield when moving around school.

The rest of the school's risk assessment remains in place with a continued vigilance on hand hygiene, social distancing, enhanced cleaning and the early identification of Covid symptoms.

By taking these steps, not only do we help reduce risk for all in school and our local community, but also it reduces the risk of sending larger numbers of pupils and staff home to self-isolate in the event of another positive case.

Regardless of these new mitigating procedures, following another positive case in school, we would always contact Public Health England and follow their advice.

I am pleased to report that the case before half-term was an isolated case and that the virus did not transmit to any other children or staff, which shows that our risk assessment and our adherence to it, was effective in this instance.

Kind regards,

Mr Clarke
Head Teacher

