



Dear Parents

As we enter a new period of lockdown and associated rules, I am writing to firstly thank you for your continued support and secondly, to ask for your help and remind you of the current restrictions that are in place.

I know at times it feels like we are being bombarded with COVID updates and headlines in the news but I am appealing for your continued support with the measures that we have put in place at school to try and keep everyone safe.

Our current measures and ongoing risk assessments seem to be working really well. We have no cases of children who have tested positive up until this point. We will continue to be extremely vigilant with our routines, cleaning protocols and risk assessments but this has to work in partnership with you and the wider community if we are to continue to keep everyone as safe as possible.

There are a few reminders below that I would like to draw your attention to:

- Please remember you **MUST** maintain a **2 metre distance** from other families when dropping off and collecting your child from school.
- **Please wear a face mask** on drop off and collection and **maintain a 2 metre distance** when talking to any members of staff.
- Please ensure only **ONE adult** enters the school grounds for drop off and collection.

I would like to politely ask the parents of the **sibling groups** who collect their children from Dawlish Rd to wait in **ONE** line, socially distanced on **ONE** side of the driveway as marked. This allows for a clear one way enter and exit system.

Do not ask anyone else from another family to collect your child/children. This would result in children from separate households mixing and is against the current Government lockdown rules.

Please **do not mix** with any other household during this period of lockdown. At times we hear children talking about visiting relatives' houses at the weekend or after school. This mixing of households increases the risk of transmitting the virus into school and increases the risk for you and your elderly relatives.

I know the guidance can be confusing at times and I would like to clarify a couple of points from frequently asked questions.

- If your child displays symptoms (new continuous dry cough, a temperature or change to their sense of taste or smell, the whole family **MUST** isolate and your child **MUST** be tested. The family should continue to isolate until the test result comes back. If the

test is negative, your family can continue as normal. If the test is positive, the whole family **MUST** isolate for 14 days.

- If a member of your family is contacted by Track and Trace to say that they have been in close proximity with a positive person, that person **ONLY** must isolate for 14 days. The rest of the family can continue as normal including your child attending school. If during those 14 days, the person that was contacted develops symptoms then please follow the above point.
- It is crucial that the whole family isolates if any member of the family is waiting for a test result. **Do not** bring your child to school until the outcome of the test is known.

If you have any questions or are unsure about the guidance please do not hesitate to contact us for advice.

We have always maintained a very strong partnership between school and our families. I am sure that by continuing to work together, sticking to the lockdown rules and not taking any risks, we will be able to keep each other as safe as is possible during the remaining 6 weeks of this half term.

Thank you for your immense efforts, support and understanding.
Please continue to take care

Kind regards,

Mrs Norbury
Principal