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Dear Parents

I hope this letter finds you well, happy and safe. As we move into a second lockdown period I thought I would update you on what changes that will occur this time round. Government guidance for school was published on Wednesday and I wanted to unpick the few main points of impact for us and you.

I also wanted to show you (pictorially) what school is like at the moment to reassure you that actually things in school are not too different and we and the children have adapted to life admirably.

In terms of the government guidance that was published on Wednesday...

- There has been no change to the requirement for children or staff to wear masks in school or on the school buses.
- Since September we have, and will continue to insist, that all visitors – parents (through appointment) and contractors – wear a mask in school unless they are exempt.
- We have re-organised breaktimes slightly so Years 3 / 4 and 5 / 6 have breaktimes at different times and now each class has their own area to play in and is managed on a rotational basis. They of course can speak to children from other classes but it is about limiting contact further – as best we can – between groups of children, therefore limiting the numbers of children that may have to self-isolate if there was ever a positive case reported in school.
- The breakfast and after-school club provision has changed slightly, as per my letter yesterday, but we are still running all clubs.

Apart from the above nothing has changed. We remain positive and delighted to be open to all children. What we continue to strive to deliver in school is the best teaching and learning we can provide in a happy and safe environment. We will constantly attempt to adapt and improve to ensure we do the best we can for your children.

A pictorial representation of the school day...

After the children enter the school site – either walking up from the school bus (in a socially distanced and organised manner) or after being dropped off by parents – via the Year 3 / 4 route at the side gate or 5 / 6. They are then funnelled on to the playground ready to go in to school in their fixed group / bubbles and sit in their lovely classrooms with new chairs in rows.





At breaktime the children play on the playground with their own class but they can see and talk to their friends and at lunch they eat in their classrooms (packed lunches) or in the hall in sociable socially distanced table seating arrangements.



At the end of the day there is an (socially distanced) assembly in the school hall and on Fridays music takes place in the hall and outside (weather permitting).



Although this isn't how we would normally have the school organised, I feel this is a lovely balance of being safe whilst retaining the essence of what have at this school. The children and staff are amazing and play the biggest part as do you. I just thought I'd share.

Best wishes  
Mr Dampier  
Headteacher

