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Dear Parents,

I am writing with some clarification regarding children's attendance at school in the immediate future. I fully understand that many parents will have concerns around sending children to school during the current situation. We believe that, as families, you are best placed to make the decision according to your own circumstances and therefore **will support any decision made for you to keep children at home. No fines will be issued if this is the course of action that you feel most comfortable with and there will be no repercussions.** For those of you who wish your children to continue to attend school, we have reviewed our risk assessments and put some extra measures in around the school site. All members of staff have been asked to take a lateral flow test prior to returning to work. Staff will all be wearing face coverings in all areas outside classrooms and have the option of wearing them whilst directly working within 2 metres of children. In order to ensure that our risk assessment mitigates the risk of transfer as far as possible, and protects all members of the school community, it is essential that parents/carers strictly adhere to the measures that have been put in place. Please do not be offended if we remind you of these if we observe lapses in these, as I have a responsibility to all staff and children to keep them as safe as I possibly can. With that in mind I would like to remind you to observe the following.

1. Please do not arrive early to drop off in the morning and collect children on time. Siblings can still be dropped off at the same time. Other than this, if you are unable to drop off or collect at the allocated time, please make alternative childcare arrangements. This includes not arriving early and congregating outside the school premises to await your drop off time. If we notice groups congregating, drop up and pick up times will be altered to increase the length of time between groups of children arriving. Please vacate the area immediately after drop off and as soon as you have collected your children.
2. Children should not be bringing anything into school that is not needed for educational or care purposes.
3. Please follow social distancing guidelines when dropping off/collecting pupils. We would request that all parents/carers, unless medically exempt wear a face covering whilst on school grounds.

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4. Please keep a 2m distance from members of staff at all times. If you need to give a message where you are unable to keep a 2m distance, you must wear a face covering. If you need to be closer than 1m at any time, please call the school for a private conversation.

5. Please ensure that if **any** members of your household have any of the symptoms of coronavirus, all members stay at home until either a negative test outcome or the end of any isolation period.

These measures not only help protect the school community, it also means that in the event of a positive case, we can limit the number of children and staff who have to isolate.

Unfortunately, extra-curricular clubs will not run for the foreseeable future and only essential visits to the school will be permitted. This is to limit the frequency of unnecessary and avoidable contact between children and staff (Breakfast and after school club will remain open for childcare purposes).

We ask all our families adhere to the national laws/guidelines at this time. I hope that this way we can do everything we can to protect children, staff and families so that we are all able to stay safe.

There may be unavoidable instances where staffing levels are such that classes or year groups cannot open due to unavailability of staff due to isolating and shielding. If we are unable to cover these absences in school, we will notify you as soon as we possibly can but the nature of the pandemic may mean this is at short notice.

We fully appreciate the wonderful level of support we have received from our families. With an announcement due from the Prime Minister this evening, it may be that the situations regarding school opening changes and we will respond accordingly.

Sending our best wishes to all our families for you good health. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Giles Godfrey
Head of School

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