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Dear All,

This week we have received further guidance about the operation of schools during this current national lockdown period. I want to reassure you that the schools have been working closely with the guidance and with your help we are managing to keep our school COVID secure.

The new guidance has highlighted a few key messages that it is important I share with you:

- It is essential that when on school grounds adults do not congregate together, we must follow the social distancing rules at all times.
- We will not be able to have face to face meetings inside school during this time, we will need to carry these out over the telephone or through teams. Please do call the office to make a meeting if you need to communicate with anyone at school. This feels very formal, but it is the only way we are able to keep each other safe at this time.
- If you or your child are poorly and showing symptoms related to COVID 19, please stay at home, inform school and get a test.
- If you are coming to school to collect your child, please wear a face covering. We will also be asking school staff to wear these in communal areas – this is a requirement for High Schools, but due to the vulnerable nature of our children we will also be following this measure.
- You are welcome to send your child in to school with a face covering if you would like us to support them in wearing them. Again, this is only a requirement for High School settings, but we feel that our children are more vulnerable than those who are attending mainstream settings, and this will help protect them further. If your child is exempt from wearing a face covering, or you do not wish for them to wear one that is fine – you do not have to make your child wear a face covering.

There are a very small number of pupils who will be part of the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable list, which has just been updated by the Royal College of Paediatricians. Over the next couple of days, I will be working with the school nurse to contact these families individually and talk about your child's health conditions and medications, to make sure our risk assessments are correct. It may be that you have received a letter from your GP about this already – if that is the case, please contact school to talk about our individual approach to education during this lockdown period.

I thank you for your continued vigilance and compliance when you are contacted by school to talk about absence, illness and testing – this is a different time for all of us, but working together is making it manageable.

Many Thanks

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