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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been fantastic to welcome the children back this term and I am proud to say they have taken this second lockdown in their stride.

Following the updated guidance that has come out this week, we are now asking all parents or guardians dropping children off and picking children up, for breakfast club or the Ark to wear a face covering as they approach the entrance to the school site, unless of course they are medically exempt. I would also like to recommend to parents that the wearing of a mask may be a prudent option for parents dropping off at other times as well. We have also noticed that many parents waiting for their children to leave school are not socially distanced from other adults and I would like to once again emphasise the importance of this.

In relation to school attendance, more evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from coronavirus (COVID-19), even for children with existing health conditions.

Parents are advised to speak to their child's GP or specialist clinician if they have not already done so, to understand whether their child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.

Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend education whilst the national restrictions are in place. We will then make appropriate arrangements to enable them to continue their education at home. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education.

Kind regards,

Dan Jeffries
Interim Headteacher

