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Dear parent/carers

I hope this finds you well and you and your family are keeping safe in these restricted times.

As children return to school after the half term break it is important to remember the threat posed by the pandemic and that we must all remain vigilant.

Rates of infection are still increasing and the government has now implemented further restrictions across England. Although schools will remain open it is vital that we all stick to the rules and be aware of our surroundings when we do leave the house – such as when taking children to school.

Staff have worked really hard to make schools Covid-safe, ensuring no over-crowding during breaktimes but that children can socialise within their bubbles. This has resulted in little evidence of transmission of the virus within classrooms.

However, while the school building itself maybe safe, it is also important for parents and carers to keep their distance while dropping off and collecting children. Schools have made arrangements so that there are not too many people outside the school gates, such as staggered arrival and collection times and only one adult accompanying children.

I can't emphasise enough how important it is to stick to these rules. Please help school and staff by maintaining distance from other parents and leaving the area as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child. It is also important to avoid car sharing on the school run. Walk if you can, but if you need to drive, don't share with others as the virus can easily be passed within that confined space.

If you have any concerns speak to your head teacher. We will get through this, but we must all think of each other and work together.

Yours sincerely,



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