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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you will undoubtedly be aware there are still high rates of Covid-19 in the local area and indeed there has been a significant and rapid rate of increase in cases in recent days. It is anticipated that cases will continue at these levels and potentially rise in the next couple of weeks.

We have therefore been advised by the Local Authority and Public Health England to implement a range of additional measures alongside our existing controls.

Our existing controls include:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Regular asymptomatic LFD testing for all staff and advising people with Covid symptoms not to attend but to isolate and take a PCR test
- Self-isolation of positive cases

In addition we will now be implementing the following:

- The reintroduction of the option for staff to wear face coverings in communal spaces but not in classrooms.
- All essential visitors to schools including parents must wear face coverings in school buildings.
- All non-essential events will be held virtually.
- Staff will be required to socially distance from each other within school buildings including in shared spaces such as staff rooms, where possible. Teaching will continue face to face as normal.
- Staff meetings will move to a virtual format.

These measures are being taken to protect all children and staff and will be implemented from Friday October 8th. We will continue to review the impact of the measures taken and the infection rates locally and if there are any further changes, we will contact you in due course.

Please note there is no requirement for you to wear face coverings on the playground unless you choose to, but we would ask you to maintain social distancing. We will only allow essential visitors into the building and they will be required to wear face coverings. As Parent Consultations are not considered 'essential visits' we will be reviewing arrangements for these and will write to you with further details of how this will be managed tomorrow.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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Becky Ford Headteacher

