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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all managed to have a restful half term holiday. I am sure that you will have heard from the Prime Minister's speech on Saturday night that we are heading back into a National Lockdown, the main difference this time is that schools are being asked to stay open.

However, it does mean that we all need to ensure that we stick to the lockdown rules. This will mean that we can all stay safe, protect each other and keep our school open.

The rules for us, are as follows:

- 1. We must all stay at home, only leaving the house for reasons like coming to school or going to work children must not socialise and play with each other after school.
- 2. We must not socialise with any other household indoors or outdoors
- 3. We must stay 2 metres away from each other this also includes on the school yard.
- 4. Households can form support bubbles with **one other house** (for example if one house is a single parent family, or if needed for childcare purposes). This must however only be the same 2 households that come together it cannot be more.

To help keep our school community safe we are asking parents to:

- 1. Please drop off and collect your child at the correct time
- 2. As from today you will notice that some staff have decided that they would like to wear face masks, at the beginning and the end of the school day. This is just as we collect the children from you and hand them back to you.
- 3. We are asking you to consider wearing a mask in the yard to help keep our school safe
- 4. If we have any Covid 19 cases, you will only be contacted by school if your child needs to self-isolate and this will be done through a formal letter from Public Health and the school.

Again, many many thanks for your support - our staff are working tirelessly, through very anxious times to make sure that your children are safe, but also well educated. I am in awe of their determination and proud to work with such a dedicated team.

Kerry Lilico Headteacher