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Dear parents/ carers

As you will know, we are now in a period of national lockdown that commenced on Thursday 5th November. I write to you to clarify the rules which are law, and to ask for your cooperation in abiding by them.

Socialising

Socialising is not permitted under the new lockdown measures. In general, you must not meet with another person socially or undertake any activities with another person. However, you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with, your support bubble (or as part of a childcare bubble), or with one other person. This means that children should not be meeting at the park or having each other over for tea for socialising reasons.

Support bubble

A support bubble is where a household with one adult joins with another household. Households in that support bubble can still visit each other, stay overnight in each other's households, and visit outdoor public places together. This means that if you are not a single adult, you cannot form a support bubble with another household unless it is for the purpose of childcare which is explained in more detail below.

Childcare bubble

A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to a child or children aged 13 or under. They can provide the childcare in either or both of the homes from the 2 households. 'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered. All adults in both households must agree to this arrangement. The childcare can be provided where necessary in any location – public or private, indoors or outdoors. You can only use a childcare bubble for childcare – that is, where the child's parent or regular carer is not present. You cannot use a childcare bubble to mix with another household for other reasons.

From Thursday 5 November, if you start a childcare bubble with another household, you cannot change it to a different household. We are aware that we are seeing parents pick up multiple children from school. Also families are entering the school premises together in a larger group. Please keep 2m away from other families for your own protection.

The infection rate in our community is still increasing. The number of positive tests increase over the last 7 days by 15% and deaths by 40%. These figures are readily available on coronavirus.data.gov.uk

Whilst we cannot enforce what you do outside of school premises, it is our duty to make you aware of the rules, if we feel that a small proportion of families are breaking them. I am sure that I can count on you all for your support in doing your bit to stop the spread of coronavirus in our community to enable school to continue to offer a full time education for all children.

Yours faithfully

Louise Roberts

Headteacher