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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Government's announcement of another 4 week period of lockdown, I would like to keep you all informed about what may change over this time.

With cases of infection on the increase, it is even more important now that we all adhere to social distancing guidance and make additional efforts to ensure everyone stays as safe as possible.

I am determined that school stays as 'normal' as possible for the children and staff but there will be some differences.

From Thursday 5th November, the following will apply to everyone.

If you or your child have any symptoms of coronavirus, please **do not** come to school, but do please let the office know.

Please make sure your child arrives at school as near to their entry time as possible. *Children should not be arriving at school more than 5 minutes prior to their start time, including those who arrive alone.* This reduces the number of people on the school site at any one time.

On arrival, please ensure you keep your child/ren with you and away from other family groups.

Children should not use the adventure playground or outdoor classroom either before or after school and please do not use the wooden building in the KS1 playground whilst waiting for the start or end of the school day.

In order to reduce congestion, please be aware that the Fraser Road gate should now ONLY be used for entry into the school grounds. Exit should be made via Horsham Lane. Signs will be in place as reminders.

Every person over the age of 12 entering the school premises, including the grounds, should wear a mask at all times. If you are exempt from wearing a mask due to health reasons, please ensure this is made clear.

Children who are in years 3-6 may wear a mask to come to school if you feel it necessary. They will not, however, be required to wear a mask when in class. If your child does wear a mask, please ensure they have a sealed plastic bag to place it in when they take it off.

Staff may be wearing masks or visors when collecting their children from the playground. Please ensure you respect their personal space and ensure you follow social distancing guidance at all times.

We intend to keep Breakfast Club and After School Club running as they have been since September. Staff are provided with face visors.

Coaches who come from Plymouth Argyle will continue to come, but will be required to wear masks/visors for their sessions.

Music lessons will also continue in school.

During the school day, we will be continuing to keep the children in their year team bubbles. We keep movement of children around the school to a minimum and they do not mix with other team bubbles.

Please ensure you continue to keep your child's belongings in school to a minimum. *Children should only bring a coat, packed lunch, snack, water bottle and reading book to school.* Bags and back packs should not be brought in unless your child has an after-school activity requiring kit.

PE kit should be worn to school on the days when your child has PE. Please remember that your child should continue to look smart and ready to learn in navy shorts or joggers, a school PE t-shirt and a school sweatshirt on these days. It is not acceptable to wear a range of colours and fashion items on PE days.

Should a class or bubble of children have to self-isolate, work will be set for them to complete at home. The home and remote learning page on the school website has lots of information and useful sites for this purpose. *Please make sure you have signed up to class dojo so you can receive necessary information from your child's teacher.*

We will also make provision to ensure everyone has the tools they need to continue with learning at home, should it prove to be necessary.

I am sure that the next weeks will contain much uncertainty, but please be assured that we will continue to do everything we can in school to ensure your child and their school adults remain safe and that the children's learning continues to be a positive experience.

Thank you in advance for your help and support in making these plans work well.

Yours sincerely,

J Jones

Mrs T Jones
Head Teacher

