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Dear Parents / Carers,

Update to COVID-19 Procedures

As you will be aware, Essex has been moved to Tier 2 – High in the Government's COVID response system. This new level of alert does not impact on the children in primary schools and we will continue to operate their education and time in school in the same way as we have been doing so. The risk of transmission between and to children remains very low so there are no changes for the children. However, as the risk of transmission to and from adults increases, we have updated our risk assessment to reflect this and the new alert level.

We have taken the decision, however, to update some of our protective measures to support the reduction of transmission. Therefore, from Monday 19th October there will be new rules in school for adults relating to the wearing of face coverings. These are as follows:

- All parents / children over the age of 11 entering school grounds must wear a face covering (this includes both inside and outside the school building);
- Members of staff will wear a face covering when interacting with parents and visitors (this includes staff on the gates);
- Members of staff are able to wear a face covering in areas of high traffic in school, such as the staffroom and corridors, if they choose to.

Please note that children are NOT required to wear a face covering in school and will be asked to remove it when they get to their classroom. This is because it can make learning and listening more difficult and the fact that children are far less likely to become infected or spread the virus.

We would like to remind parents that they should be observing social distancing measures at all times and keep a distance of 2 metres between themselves and others. This is especially important when waiting at the gates at the start and end of school.

We all have a part to play in reducing the rates of infection of this virus and it is only by working together and following the rules set down, that we will be able to lower the number of cases and be able to get back to more familiar ways of life.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Haken', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Haken
Deputy Headteacher

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