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Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all, thank you for your prompt response in the wearing of face-masks on the school site. Although this is not mandatory at government level, it is a decision that we have made as a school, along with many other primary and secondary schools, as a further protective measure. I'm sure we all feel that the longer we can keep the virus away from school by protecting each other and ourselves, the better. We request that face-masks be worn by all adults visiting the school-site, including the car-park.

With new restrictions in place from Thursday, last week, Breakfast Club and After-school Care will continue for the children of parents/carers who have to work or undertake education only. Where this has not already been communicated, parents/carers will be contacted by the school office in order to validate reasons for the attendance of their child/children:

'Out-of-school activities (including wraparound care) may continue to operate if their primary purpose is providing registered childcare, or where they are offering other childcare activities, where this is reasonably necessary to enable parents to:

- *work or search for work*
- *undertake training or education'*

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm_source=5%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Arrival and collection procedures seem to be working. Thanks to those of you who made suggestions with regard to making these times of the day safer. It is clear that, moving forward, further consideration will need to be given to how entering and exiting the site can be improved. I am aware of the fact that this has been an ongoing issue in the past, which is the case for many primary schools, and in some respects the staggered start and finish times have helped alleviate the problems.

Teachers' appointments with parents/carers begin this week on Wednesday for Yew Tree and Elm classes. Many of you have already notified the office of your preferred slot. We will assume that 'meetings' will take place over the phone where a preferred method has not been specified. If you would rather meet on Microsoft Teams, do make sure that we are aware of this to allow sufficient time to send invitations. Please also include your preferred telephone number if we have more than one on record. As with any booking system only a certain number of appointments can be allocated in a time slot. Therefore, these will be

organised on a first come, first served basis and if your first choice is not available, you will be provided with an alternative time and/or date.

Flu immunisations for will go ahead on Monday for pupils whose parents/carers have given consent.

We are planning to celebrate Remembrance in school by bringing the classes together virtually for an assembly on Wednesday morning. We will be joining the nation by observing a two-minute silence at 11am. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal merchandise will continue to be sold in school until the end of Wednesday.

Many thanks to the Friends of Barrow for enabling us to purchase a subscription to Shropshire Library Service. This will benefit all of the children by providing a wide range of reading material and artefacts to support learning across the curriculum and broaden their reading experiences.

Thanks to all of the Barrow family for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

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(Headteacher)