



Headteacher
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Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

New precautionary measure – expectations that parents/carers wear face coverings

On Friday 27th November 2020, a Government Health and Safety inspector visited the School to evaluate the measures that we have put in place as part of our Covid Risk Assessment. We are pleased to report that, in the Inspector's view, the School complies with all compulsory requirements of a Covid-secure environment. However, as the School site does not allow for separate entry and exit points during drop-off and pick-up, the Inspector's recommendation was that additional steps should be introduced to provide an increased level of protection for staff, other parents/carers and our children.

We have already received a number of concerns from parents and staff that they do not feel comfortable during busy periods of drop-off and pick-up. You will appreciate that, as a School and a community, we must all pull together in these difficult times to protect the health, safety and well-being of each other. The School also has a legal obligation to provide a safe and secure workplace for our staff as they continue to work to educate and care for our children.

As a result, with effect from Monday, 7th December 2020 until further notice, the expectation is that all parents and carers must wear a face covering when entering the School grounds for drop-off and pick-up times.

We understand that some parents/carers are exempt from wearing a face covering for medical or other reasons. These individuals are not required to wear a covering but we would then expect a strict following of our social distancing measures.

Whilst we trust it will not prove necessary, if parents/carers do not support this request, we will need to consider much stricter (and more restrictive) drop-off and pick-up arrangements as a way of ensuring that we continue to provide a Covid-secure environment.

We hope that you take this expectation in the spirit in which it is intended and we thank you for your co-operation and ongoing support.

Jointly written by, the School's Leadership Team and the School's Governing Body