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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have received a letter from Sunderland Council/ Together for Children and Public Health England detailing their concerns around the current increase in cases of COVID-19 in the Sunderland area. This is most prevalent in the age range 5 to 19 years.

In response to this increase, they have asked that all schools put measures in place to reduce the spread of infection.

These measures include, where possible, that we reduce the mixing of children. We have therefore made the decision to postpone some elements of our school day. (This will be reviewed in two weeks.)

These include postponing:

- French lessons run by Mrs Atkinson across key stage 1
- Kidsafe run by Mrs Ridley across year 1
- Setting for phonics (this will be taught in classes)
- Visitors in to school including local community police
- Tempest photography – school photos to be rescheduled for January 2022
- Whole school assemblies
- School trips (Beamish year 1)

We will continue to have a hygiene station in each classroom and will ensure all children wash their hands regularly and that there is ventilation throughout school. Our staff will wear face coverings in all communal areas, take twice-weekly LFD tests and we will continue with regular enhanced cleaning measures.

We have been advised that our face-to-face parents' evening should not take place next week as planned. We aim to reschedule this to take place virtually the week beginning 15th November. You will receive details of this soon.



We must reinforce the message from Public Health England that any pupil with symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, should stay at home and take a PCR test. Any child isolating due to a positive test will be provided with home learning via Showbie (as long as they are well enough).

We have been advised to limit visitors into school. If you have any queries or need to speak to someone at school, please contact the school office or send an email in the first instance. Any visitors into the school building must wear a face covering unless exempt.

For now, we will continue to provide extracurricular clubs including reading, nature club, choir etc. Sports clubs will take place outside where possible so we ask that children are dressed appropriately. After school club and breakfast club will continue as normal at present.

We will continue to ensure that your child still receives a rich and exciting curriculum at Hill View Infant Academy. Our up to date risk assessment is now available to view on our school website.

Thank you for your support and understanding,



Mrs Crompton



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