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Dear Parents

Following the Government's decision to evoke a national lockdown from Thursday 5th November until at least the 2nd December, I have received several emails regarding suggestions the school could take. As always, thank you for your support and for being so engaged. As you are aware the governors and I take the safety of our school's community as a matter of great seriousness and have looked to implement the guidance as well as we can whilst allowing the children and families to experience as normal a school life as possible.

My understanding is that Parliament are voting on the lockdown this week. I imagine at that point, once it is formally a legal process, the DfE will contact schools with their updated guidance. You will recall the lag in announcements and information to schools and the challenge and frustration this brought. We are meeting the current guidance, and I do not want to introduce a change this week to find us needing to change it again next week.

As soon as we have guidance - or have allowed time for that to come - we will review the procedures. Please do rest assured it continues to be a high priority on my and the school's agenda. As soon as we know more and/or have updated the procedure, we will share with families.

Currently, we are continuing to deliver the following and we will need your continued support to achieve this please:

- **1m+ social distancing**- we are not looking to stagger start times or entry points because of the site's size and the fact families have children in different year groups. As families are outside and passing each other, any risk is minimal if distancing continues to be observed. Please do keep the paths clear so families can move freely around the site. This distancing includes staff members from children and adults. When waiting for the classroom door to open, please distance and do not allow siblings to run around or use equipment.
- **Individuals who are unwell, so those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school and are tested.**
- **Parents to remain outside of the building.** We will happily call you or speak with you if you need to, please call or email the office for routine issues so staff can help
- **Uniform** is expected including black school shoes. This does not need washing for each day
- **Handwashing** remains in place
- **Cleaning**, the school has increased the regularity of cleaning
- **Seating**, the children sit in rows facing the front of the classroom to minimise the transmission between people
- **Creative Kidz** offer Before and After school provision as they have previously done and this can be booked through their website
- **Other than essential items for school**, nothing else comes to school or goes home

I hope I will be able to write next week with any updates. Thank you all again for your support.

Yours sincerely

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