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Dear parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to have our children back at school and see so many smiling faces. All staff have been so impressed with the positive attitude of pupils who were so ready to start school. It has been a great start.

However, the high number of parents on site has meant it has been impossible to maintain appropriate social distancing. This is a real concern that we feel we must address.

You will be aware that from Monday, the government is limiting social gatherings to six people. While this new law does not apply to schools or workplaces, nevertheless it has been introduced urgently as cases of Covid-19 have begun to rise rapidly. Therefore, as a safety measure and to play our part in helping to reduce any transmission of the virus, **we are now asking parents and carers to wear face coverings as soon as they come on to the school site.** This is with immediate effect until further notice. It will be permissible not to wear face coverings if there are valid reasons not to. There is no requirement for any of our children to wear face coverings at any time.

Remember, only one parent or carer should be on the school site and for the shortest time necessary. Please do not enter the school building except for the front office, one person only and with a face covering.

Please note that if your child is in Year 3 or above and you feel they are independent and sensible enough, you can drop them at the school gate and they can walk on to the playground themselves.

Staff have also noticed some parents entering the school site at a far earlier time than they need to be there. Larger gathering of parents is something we must avoid. **Please do not arrive at school earlier than you need to.** If you are queueing, please leave a clear two metre distance between the person in front of you.

Once you have dropped off or collected your child, we respectfully ask you to please immediately leave school premises.

We actively encourage children to walk or cycle to school to help with the congestion of traffic around Park Grove and also to cut down on the use of public transport.

These remain challenging times for everyone and I hope you can understand the reasoning behind the changes we are imposing. All staff continue to do their best for the children and it remains very important that we all pull together to remain safe.

Best wishes

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