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Dear Parents/Carers,

Changes to procedures after the half term break

Firstly I would like to thank you for adhering to the various safety measures that we have already put in place to minimise the transmission of Covid-19. We are working on the basis that we will do everything possible to reduce the risk in order that school can continue to operate in an uninterrupted way for the benefit of our pupils.

As promised, we have been monitoring the procedures that we have in place, and we now feel that we are in a position to adjust the staggered start for Class 1 and Class 4. **Therefore, from Monday 2nd November, Class 1 and Class 4 will now start earlier at 9.00am and finish earlier at 3.20pm.** We feel able to do this because the classes that precede Class 1 and Class 4 are doing such a good job of sticking to their allotted drop off and pick up times and are leaving the school site promptly.

Following feedback from parents, one of the things that we can do better is to keep the entrances and exits to the school free flowing. Therefore if you are a Class R or Class 1 parent please wait on the reception playground and all other parents please spread out on to the main playground. If you use the main playground to wait on please stay behind the barrier tape line which is furthest away from the school. This will ensure that there is a clear walkway available for those who need to pass through this area.

In line with an increasing number of schools and after guidance from Worcestershire County Council and PHE, I ask that from Monday 2nd November:

- All adults who come to school to drop off or collect children to wear masks or face coverings (unless exempt).
- All adult visitors who come into the school building will have to wear a mask.
- We try to keep our distance from other people whilst on the school site when collecting/ dropping off.
- We only enter the school at the allotted time and leave as soon as you have your children.
- We keep younger siblings with us when on school site, so that they cannot jeopardise social distancing for others.

We have thought about face coverings carefully and, on balance, think that this is a useful additional step to take. We understand that outdoors the chances of transmission are greatly reduced, but we are aware that families are often less than 2m apart and therefore 1m + measures will help. We also feel that as the weather changes the grassy areas will become

unusable and so people will be forced closer together at certain times and places. Additionally we know that we have vulnerable adults using the site and therefore this measure will give them confidence and help to keep them safer. In short, even if there is only a small increase to safety levels for our school community, we want to make the most of every opportunity we have to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe and for keeping the school running and resilient during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bill

Headteacher