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Dear parents,

Principal - Tony Head
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Happy new year and welcome to 2021. Hopefully, this year will see things return to a more normal world.

Over the recent few days there has been much discussion in the media concerning the reopening of schools. Currently the guidance / instruction at both a national and local level is for primary schools to open if they are sufficiently staffed to do so. We are pleased to say we are currently able to do this and we will continue to do so until either we do not have sufficient staff, or a decision is made at a national or local level for primary schools to close.

The protocols and procedures that we set in place at the start of the academic year, are remaining in place. However, we would like to make a few additional requests of you during this uncertain time.

We would like all parents dropping and picking up a child to now wear a face covering when they are doing this. We would also like parents to leave the immediate area of the school as soon as possible to help reduce the prolonged gathering of people.

We would also suggest taking children directly to school and then home rather than to the park, which I am aware some parents have chosen to do in the past. Gatherings of people have been limited at a local and national level, and as a school we are continuing to minimise contact between children by having bubbles in place. Children socialising outside of school is likely to increase the spread of Covid or other seasonal illnesses and potentially jeopardises our efforts to remain open to as many pupils as possible. We ask for your support in ensuring children are not meeting outside of school or using the recreation ground at the end of the school day.

Can I also please remind parents of the role they need to play regarding suspected cases within their family:

- If your child or a member of you household is displaying symptoms, or is having a test, then your child must stay at home until the outcome of the test is known.
- You need to inform the school that this is the case.
- If that test is positive, then your child will need to isolate for 10 days. During this time, home learning will be provided. Instructions on how to access this will be sent to the relevant parents at the time.
- Under **no circumstance** should a child be sent into school whilst the outcome of a test is being waited for.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Head