

**Mandatory wearing of face coverings when picking up and dropping off children from Monday 9th November 2020**

Thursday 5th November 2020.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you know, you have supported our school to work incredibly hard to maintain the safety of the children and the wider community with bubbles, hand sanitiser, an extensive cleaning schedule, staggered start and finish times, and a range of other measures as outlined in our COVID 19 Risk Assessment which is available on the school website.

With the planned lockdown upon us, and a number of schools across county are taking this approach therefore we are asking those who are able to, **to please wear face coverings during school pick-ups and drop offs, to maintain social distancing and to please also leave the school area as soon as possible.**

When dropping and picking up children from school, keep at least one metre distance from others if you are wearing a face covering and leave the school vicinity as soon as possible.

The virus is transmitted between humans, meaning interactions with many people results in a risk of picking up the infection. The added difficulty is that many people that are infected do not have any signs of symptoms of illness. The best strategy to adopt is to consider everyone and every place as potentially infectious and take the necessary precautions. This is why we are asking parents and carers to wear a face covering, and to wear it snug and make sure the nose and mouth are covered too.

A full list of exemptions for wearing a face covering can be found [here](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own).

It would be appreciated if you have formed a support bubble for childcare purposes that you let them know.

Thank you for supporting us in helping school to be as safe as it possibly can be.

Best Wishes,

Belinda Athey – Headteacher.