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Dear Parents,

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE 22

Mrs Bourke will be teaching Miss Sharrock's class 4S for the next two weeks as Miss Sharrock is unable to work in school due to the impacts of class closures. She is, indeed, well but is carrying out other duties off-site.

Face Masks

You were asked to wear face masks by the school and Local Authority should you decide to come onto the school site. The best available scientific evidence is that, when used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others.

Because face coverings are mainly intended to **protect others, not the wearer**, from coronavirus (COVID-19) they are not a replacement for social distancing and regular hand washing. It is important to follow all the other government advice on coronavirus (COVID-19) including [staying safe outside your home](#).

Isolation means Isolation

Children who are asked to self-isolate

- do not go to school or public places
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to socialise
- **do not have visitors in their home, including friends and family or have parties**

Timings

We have applied the timings for admission onto the school site for collection to the Reception Year 1 classes

A change in the weather?

Headteacher Mr Kieran A Loftus

Chair of Governors Ms Carmel Howard

School will aim to work flexibly when there are significant gaps in collection times between children and their siblings when the weather is bad ie heavy rain. All schools have this dilemma and in this circumstance some children may be allowed to be collected a few minutes earlier. **THIS WOULD BE EXCEPTIONAL IN BAD WEATHER BUT IN DRY WEATHER THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS WILL APPLY. Please be patient with us on this one but it will rain sooner or later so brollies ready!!**

Finally, it has been difficult for all of us with these new arrangements and staff are operating under continuous direction and pressure with safety being of paramount importance. Our children continue to be calm and purposeful even with the temporary closures of class bubbles. I was very disappointed to hear a report of abusive language to one of the staff and whatever the frustration may have been, I will not tolerate this on the school site. I will not hesitate to ban anybody from coming onto the site who persists in using abusive language to the staff. I am, however, delighted to say that the overwhelming body of parents have recognised our efforts and realise the mass movement of pupils in these challenging circumstances requires a degree of patience.

Many thanks for your continuous support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kieran A Loftus". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kieran A Loftus Headteacher