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Dear parents and carers,

We are writing to update you on how we have been working with the Council's Health Protection Hub to manage Covid-19.

The number of Covid cases across the country continues to be very high and whilst there is commentary and speculation about what the government may or may not do, the Council is not aware of anything more than what is in the public domain. We will of course keep you up to date with any developments.

With regard to the here and now, it is important we take proactive steps to reduce the spread of infection, bring cases down and minimise disruption to education.

In line with the government's guidance, from November onwards, the health protection hub is advising borough schools to implement additional Covid-19 measures.

- It is recommended that schools ask children with positive cases in their household to take a LFT test for 7 school days (including primary aged children).
- It is recommended that schools re-introduce some of the previous Covid precautions, which may include wearing face coverings in communal areas staggering lunch times and virtual events for parents/carers.

Schools are able to decide which measures to put in place based on their individual circumstances. We have determined that the following measures are necessary at this time:

- Limit to visitors on site. Parent meetings will be conducted over the phone, unless in an emergency.
- Two adults (Parents/Carers) in Office area at a time- please wait outside until there is room. Use Class Dojo or telephone/email to pass messages on as much as possible.

- No trips/visits will be taking place for the moment.
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitising around school.
- Requests for face coverings to be worn by parents/visitors to school site.
- **One parent/ carer per family group to collect** children- please respect this request, more families are arriving in groups of two, this creates congestion and unnecessary crowds, creating difficulties for social distancing.
- Reception, Y1.2.3 - 3.05pm dismissal
  Y4-6 – 3.15pm - dismissal
  Please respect to these slots.

Your support to help implement measures in schools and educational settings is really appreciated.

Please continue to help to keep education and family life moving in our borough.

Even if you have had your Covid vaccinations, check for Covid regularly at home with lateral flow tests, book a PCR test if you have any symptoms and remember hands-face-space and fresh air.

The health protection hub will review its local advice to educational settings regularly and we will keep you updated.

Thank you for all your efforts and support into tackling the virus.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Solomon
HeadTeacher