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Dear Parents and Carers

As I'm no doubt you are aware, cases of Covid-19 are rising and the Government has announced a month-long lockdown across the whole of England.

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for all you are doing to help prevent the spread of the virus and encourage you to continue with your efforts to protect yourself, your loved ones and the whole school community.

Until we have a vaccine, our best defence is the basics – handwashing, social distancing and face covering. Given they've been in place for some time, it's easy to forget them in the flurry of new announcements but they have never been more vital.

As Director of Public Health for Derbyshire, I'd urge all parents and carers to follow the national guidelines to help keep everyone safe:



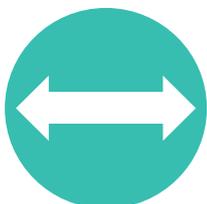
HANDS

Wash your hands regularly with water and soap for 20 seconds.



FACE

Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.



SPACE

Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible.

Schools are doing all they can to reduce the spread of the virus, including increasing cleaning, creating teaching bubbles and staggering drop-off and arrival times.

You can continue to play your part too by following school procedures and social distancing, particularly during drop-off and pick up times when larger groups come together.

We know the virus spreads more when people are close together. An infected person can pass on the virus through talking, breathing, coughing or sneezing even if they do not have any symptoms. When you are with people you do not live with, and to avoid contracting the virus or passing it on, you should:

- Avoid physical and close contact
- Stay 2 metres apart whenever possible
- Avoid standing in groups.

With winter approaching, we cannot afford to be complacent and I'd ask everyone to redouble their efforts to stick to the rules. If we all follow these rules, we will help to keep everyone safe.

I'd also ask you to consider wearing a face covering when dropping off and collecting your children as an additional measure to help reduce the risk of Covid-19 spreading. This doesn't replace social distancing but is an extra recommendation to reduce the potential risk of transmission.

For the latest Government guidance on coronavirus visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Thank you again for your efforts in protecting all those in your school community.
Together we can make such a difference.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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