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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you very much for all the work you are doing to support schools to stay open safely. We recognise that this can involve considerable disruption and we look forward to an easier time when learning will be less disrupted.

The overwhelming majority of parents have been extremely understanding of the challenges that schools have encountered and have co-operated fully with the school's range of measures put in place to provide a covid-safe environment for the children, staff and parents.

We are grateful to parents, for example, for wearing face coverings when requested to by the school and for not sending their child to school when they, or a member of the family, have been requested to self-isolate.

We would like to take this opportunity to further reinforce some important guidelines that should be adhered to across all educational settings in Leeds.

- Please ensure that you maintain social distancing from others when dropping off and collecting your child from school. Please follow any guidance issued by your child's school to help with this e.g. only one adult per family should enter school grounds to drop off or collect.
- We recommend that all parents/carers entering the school premises (and in other congested areas around school premises) wear a face covering in addition to social distancing. This an extra safeguard to reduce the transmission of the virus. Please note that this does not apply to those who are medically exempt.
- You must keep at least two metres apart from other parents/carers at all times. Where you are unable to do so, wear a face covering.

Messages for you to talk to your children about

- Ask your child to limit the number of people they walk to/from school with.
- Please remind your child that the school 'bubbles' do not apply outside of school so they should avoid mixing with friends outside of school, even if they are in the same 'bubble' at school.

If you are self-isolating

- Please ensure that if you, or a member of your family, has tested positive for Covid-19 that you and your household follow the self-isolation guidelines

• Please do not send your child to school if he/she has covid-19 symptoms or if they have been asked to self-isolate.

Thank you for all you do to support your child and others in the school community. By continuing to work together in co-operation with our schools and settings, we have a greater chance of reducing infection rates and increasing the stability and consistency of education for our young people.

Regards

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