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### **Important Meadowside Update**

Good Afternoon everyone,

We have had a positive week 1 in school and it is lovely that we still have an opportunity to connect, while schools remain open.

As the second lockdown period of 2020 has begun, we have decided to revisit our family guidance and make some changes, as well as strengthen messages, in order to ensure we are all as safe and careful as we can be, during this period. Please take a few moments to read through this message and share information with your child and other family members, wherever appropriate.

1) From Monday 9th November until Wednesday 2nd December, we ask that all parents/carers wear a face covering or mask when on the school site – this includes morning drop off and afternoon collection as well as in the car park and when coming round to collect your child from the playground.

2) Observe social distancing at all times. Please encourage your children to do the same. In particular, please avoid the children mixing between bubbles in the car park.

3) We ask that one adult per family only (or one nominated adult from your child's bubble) does the school run. This reduces the number of people on site at any one time.

4) If anyone in your household has symptoms, everyone in the household must isolate until a test result is confirmed. Notify the school at each stage of the process. Home learning will be provided as soon as possible for your child(ren).

5) If you are isolating for any reason, school will notify you of a return date for your child(ren). We work in consultation with health and education professionals before making a decision, and each circumstance will be different. My responsibility as Headteacher is to keep all children, staff and school families as safe as possible and therefore a cautious considered approach will need to be taken, to ensure everyone's health and safety.

In addition, we would like to make you aware of the following weather-related matters! Firstly, several of our class bubbles have a playzone without any hard surfaces. The ground is getting muddier every week and it is vital that each child has outdoor shoes (ideally wellies or something old but usable), to protect their socks and their uniform (and the classroom carpets!) from the daily onslaught! We have no other option but to use the field at playtimes, as bubbles must be kept separate.

If your child brings hand cream into school, please avoid anything with Shea Butter, as this can cause an adverse reaction for those with severe nut allergies.

Finally, research continues to suggest that ventilation is key in reducing the aerosols we transmit and therefore minimising risk of infection. We are lucky to have high ceilings which helps, but must still open windows and doors regularly, during the day. Children may need jumpers, scarves and hats more than usual, as a result!

We know that during lockdown, school provides normality, routine and friendships for your children and for us all. We must continue to support one another, be sensitive to the health and wellbeing of everyone in our school family and stay positive.

Many thanks  
Miss Thomas

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