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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Please can I remind you of some of the social distancing rules that we have in place. As you know we are in a local lockdown which means that households CANNOT mix with others unless they are in a support bubble (this being a single parent family with another household, or a childcare bubble again only with 1 other household). This is the law and MUST be adhered to.

We have been lucky so far to have no positive cases in our school, we have however had many children and staff who have had to go and get tested.

If we want our school to stay open, we need to adhere to these rules, to stop the transmission of the virus. I am worried however, that some of us are not.

We are seeing too many parents picking up multiple children from across the school. This is not allowed, unless it is part of a support bubble. We are having too many phone calls to say that children have been staying at other houses or playing with each other in the street or parks. Again, this is not allowed.

If we break these rules, it is against the law, and we run the risk of the infection spreading into our school. The last thing we want is for our children to be off.

The local lockdown also means that we shouldn't be congregating on school premises. I appreciate that this is hard, whilst you are waiting for your children at the end of the day, the best we can do here is to ensure that you stay 2 metres away from each other and if you have siblings, please ensure you pick up and drop off at the later time. At the beginning of the day though, parents are congregating on the small pathway in front of the gates and waiting for long periods of time to drop their children off. This blocks the pathway for others and again, means that we cannot stay 2 metres away.

Please ensure that you enter the school premise through the gate, drop your child off and then leave immediately.

I am sorry that this letter has a negative tone, but it is my responsibility to ensure that our school is safe. It is my responsibility to keep the staff, parents and children safe.

I do need to thank the many parents/carers that are doing this already, your support is very much appreciated.

Thank you for you continued support.

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