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Dear Parent/Carers,

National Lockdown 2

As you will know, the UK has entered a second period of lockdown today. In contrast to lockdown in the Spring schools will remain open throughout. We will continue to work within our covid-safe measures and thank you for your continued support.

Please continue to comply with the following:-

1. Children must NOT attend school if they **or anyone in their household** has a temperature, a new continuous cough or a change in taste or smell. The entire household **MUST** stay at home and the person with the symptom(s) should have a Covid test.
2. Keep the school well informed about symptoms and Covid test results within your family.
3. If your child tests positive for Covid you must immediately inform the school – by telephone on 01304 206887 during the school day. If you get a positive result at the weekend, during the evening or in a school holiday please email office@stmarysprimary.net
4. If another member of your household tests positive, your child must stay at home for the relevant isolation period. Please inform the school.
5. At arrival and dismissal time, take extra care to remain socially distanced from other households. Do not speak with the staff at these times; use email and telephone to make contact.
6. Staff will continue to wear face coverings at arrival and dismissal time. Parent/carers are of course welcome to do so also.

The Department for Education guidance 'Education and childcare settings; New National Restrictions from 5 November 2020' was issued to school leaders late yesterday afternoon. Please note the following with regards to drop-off and collection of children:

'Parents are able to form a childcare bubble with another household for the purpose of informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under'.



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This means that a child can be brought to school and collected by adults from their own household or adults from **ONE** other household e.g. grandparents, or a family friend. Only **one** household, other than the one the child lives in, can be involved with drop-off/pick-up during this period of National Lockdown. I know that some of you currently use more than one household; you will need to change that during this period of time.

We do already hold information about collection arrangements for many children, however, as we have now entered a new national lockdown **please contact the school office now to advise if anyone other than the adults in your household are going to drop-off or collect your child.** In this way we can ensure we have the most up to date information in line with the new national restrictions.

We have Breakfast Club from 8:00am daily if this helps with any drop-off issues you may have as a result of these new restrictions.


Please note that the Government guidance states that before and after school childcare services should only be used by families during national lockdown 'where it is reasonably necessary to support parents to work, search for work, or undertake training or education'.

The Government expectation is that children attend school during lockdown unless they have ongoing medical grounds not to do so and have been advised as such by their GP/Specialist. In addition, of course, they must not attend if they are unwell with general illness or if they or anyone they live with has Covid or Covid symptoms.

As always, thank you for your continued support with these matters.

If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to make contact via telephone or email.

Yours sincerely,



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