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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night the Prime Minister announced another National Lockdown and stated that all educational settings will remain open. With this in mind and in light of the alarming rise in local infection rates we will need to make a few more adaptations at Arundel Court. This is something we do not wish to do but have a civic duty and responsibility to keep all staff and children as safe as possible during these unprecedented times.

Over the past seven months we have asked a lot from you, our staff and children and we appreciate how incredibly supportive everyone has been. Once again, we will be seeking even more help and support from you all during the next few weeks to help keep this wonderful community as safe as possible.

From Monday 2nd November the following changes will be in place:

- **Only one adult will be allowed on the school site when dropping off (Year R & Year 1 only) and at collection times at the end of the day.** Over the last term we relaxed this but in light of current events we are reinstating it. We know sometimes both parents want to come to school with their child, these are not 'normal' times and we ask you to respect our need to limit the number of adults on site.
- Any adult entering the school site **must wear a face covering or face visor** and must adhere to the social distancing rules.
- To **avoid face to face contact** with staff longer discussions must be made by email or on the telephone. Please do not approach the teacher to discuss your child. Teachers want to talk to you about your child, however, having a face-to-face conversation is potentially putting both adults at risk. Please email or call the school office on 023 92824893 to speak to a member of staff. A message will be passed on and someone will get back to you as soon as they can.
- All **visitors** inside the school building will be asked to wear a face covering for the duration of their visit.
- If your child shows any symptoms you will need to isolate them, book a test and inform the school on the test result immediately. If the school office is closed please leave a message on the answering machine or email arundeli@arundelcourt.com
- Last term some parents asked for face-to-face meetings with teachers to discuss their child's progress. Unfortunately, this can no longer happen and as mentioned in my previous letter will take place over the phone. This week, teachers will be making contact with you, through email, to decide on a date and time slot.

Unsurprisingly, we have had no 'official' guidance as yet from the Department of Education. When it is published there may be further measures we need to put into place and we will inform you as soon as decisions have been made. We have all worked so brilliantly together and I know this strong community connection will continue over the next few weeks.

Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Stay safe, be kind & keep strong

Mrs Karen Stocks
Headteacher

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