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Dear Parents & Carers

I am sure you have seen in the press that Stoke-on-Trent has now been placed as a Tier 2 area of concern meaning that the risk to the area is High. During the half-term break I urge you to follow the new guidelines that mean;

- People must not meet with anybody outside their household or support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place,
- People must not meet in a group of more than 6 outside, including in a garden or other space; and
- People should aim to reduce the number of journeys they make where possible. If they need to travel, they should walk or cycle where possible, or plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport.

Due to this increased risk we have reviewed our risk assessment in school and as a result, while the school sits in an area of high risk we will be making some changes to our procedures.

From the first day back after half term (Tuesday 3rd November) the following apply;

- All parents (unless exempt) must wear face coverings on school grounds
- All staff in school will wear face coverings when on the yard with parents
- Staff will wear face coverings while moving around the school, face coverings will not to be worn in any classrooms.
- All staff administering first aid will wear face coverings and visors.
- Pupils must only travel to school with members of their household or in their support bubble.
- Parents are not allowed into school, including the school office unless absolutely necessary (please email or telephone any of your questions or enquiries)

All the above are in addition to the procedures we already have in place to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus. I should also like to take this opportunity to remind you that you must self-isolate if required to. Parents must NOT send pupils to school if they, or anyone who they live with displays any of the below symptoms;

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child does display any of these symptoms they **MUST** self-isolate and arrange to get a test and must not return to school unless their test returns as negative.

Attached to this letter is our flowchart to remind you what you need to do if you or your child is displaying symptoms.

I should like to remind you that we all have a responsibility to keep our school safe. Due to this please remember to maintain social distancing at all times. Parents must not congregate before or after school. Please arrive on time and soon as you have dropped off or collected your child we ask you to leave.

Finally, you have been amazing this term. Your support and understanding has been a tribute to the great relationship we have with you. All the staff would like to thank you for your tremendous support. I am confident that working together we can overcome anything.

In this week's Gospel we will be reminded of God greatest commandments, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. "Let us use this half term to refresh and remind ourselves of the love God has for us all.

God Bless



Principal

