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Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wrote to you last week with an update regarding Covid-19 risk management in school. Since writing to you, I have informed Public Health England of further positive cases with the school and in particular in year 6. Due to meeting the criteria below,

- *5 positive cases amongst pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely within a 10-day period*

we will be activating our Outbreak Management Plan to provide further protection against the spread of the virus within school. Our main intentions in doing so are to avoid further outbreak and to give the year 6 children the best chance of their residential to Rock UK going ahead in a few weeks' time. The support received from PHE and the local health protection officer echoed this.

As a result, the following actions will be taken from tomorrow and will continue until the end of this term after which time they will be re-assessed:

- *Zoom will once again be used to minimise contact between all pupils during collective worship.*
- *Parents/Carers will not be invited into school for collective worship.*
- *Visitors into school will be minimised.*
- *KS2 zones introduced at break/lunch time.*
- *Hawthorn class will eat lunch in their classroom.*
- *Extra cleaning of touch points and weekly deep clean.*
- *Staff/visitors to wear face covering whilst walking through hall/open spaces.*

The above actions will be in place until the end of this term and are actions that the staff and children have adhered to previously. The curriculum will be taught in full as it is currently and remote learning planners will be available for those children who are having to isolate. These will be available via Teams accounts.

A small number of children in Hawthorn class have been choosing to wear a face covering in school this week. The DfE/PHE are not advising that primary age children wear a face covering although they do realise that there are exceptions if the wearing does not hinder their learning. If your child is in Hawthorn class and you would like them to wear a face covering for the remainder of the term, please complete the attached permission slip. Again, I would reiterate that this is not something your child is being asked to do.

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The Local Authority Protection Officer for Public Health will liaise with me weekly and it is hoped that by following the above, the number of positive cases will be reduced. Further updates, including ROCK UK, will be provided in due course.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do contact me via email or telephone.

Yours faithfully,

Ashley Scott (Headteacher)

Dear Mr Scott,

I would like: _____ to wear a face covering whilst in school for the remainder of this term. I am aware that this is my decision and not once enforced or recommended by the school.

Signed: _____ (Parent/carer)
