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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your patience and good humour during these difficult times. I think we all had false hope that things would be returning more to 'normal' by now, but local data and DFE advice is clear that rates of Covid are increasing in our area. This means that having reviewed the school arrangements with national and local advice that current arrangements for the staggered day, classroom layouts and bubbles need to remain as they are.

We are going to introduce a new boxed lunch menu after half term which you MUST order online for your child on school grid. The children will still eat in their classrooms.

Please can I encourage you to continue to be vigilant about wearing masks on the school ground (including the staff car park) or to display a valid exemption card on a lanyard. We strongly advise that you shower your children and put their clothes in the wash when they return home; cleaning all items (such as lunch bags and water bottles) that may have had communal contact in school.

Whilst we have been lucky up to now, with no cases in school, the class TEAMS that we are establishing are an important extension of our classrooms and will provide the best chance of continuing the children's learning should a bubble or part of the school be forced to isolate. Whilst I know we are rushing you into engaging with this, it is vital that you and your children familiarise yourselves with the system. Please don't be afraid of it – there is nothing you can do that can't be fixed and because it is a closed system even if the children do make errors of judgement they can be safely managed.

I wish you all a happy and safe half term holiday and look forward to seeing all the children back in school after that.

Yours faithfully,

Moya Whitehead