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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

I hope you have all had a good half term and been able to find some time to recharge. It is brilliant to see all of the children back and ready to learn.

I am just writing with a short update in light of the recent announcement from the government with the national four-week lockdown due to start on Thursday 5th November. Whilst we await further guidance from the government, we are very pleased that schools remain open to all children. This will support children both emotionally and academically during these difficult times. Since returning in September, we have seen the children thrive at school and we feel privileged to be able to offer them some sort of normality in this strange world we are currently living in. The children really got into their stride before half term and we are building on this to continue to support all our children at this difficult time.

In light of the most recent changes, as a school, the following will be put in place to continue to keep our school a safe place for all:

Face Coverings: Whilst we await the guidance, we feel that we need to put some extra procedures in place to protect the children, staff and you as families. We will now be asking that face coverings are worn for both drop offs and pick-ups from Thursday 5th November (unless you are exempt). All staff will be wearing face coverings during drop off and pick up times and we will let the children know about this change so that they can feel at ease. You may need to help us further for pick-ups as it will be harder to recognise parents whilst wearing face coverings.

Drop Off and Pick Up: It is so important that we follow social distancing at all times and this can be achieved more easily if we do the following:

- Ensure that the children arrive on time for their staggered start. This includes not being early as children and parents do end up grouped together due to limited space. If you are early, please move away from the school site until your designated time.
- For pick-ups, stand away from the school site until it is your child's time to be collected to allow space for other parents/carers/guardians to pick up their child/children.
- Only 1 parent/carer/guardian to drop off or pick up at any time.
- Please continue to socially distance, keeping 2 metres apart, when dropping off/picking up your child/children.
- Follow the recommendation of wearing a face covering for drop offs and pick-ups from Thursday 5th November (unless exempt).
- Please exit the surrounding school site quickly after drop offs and pick-ups.
- There is not yet any school guidance about whether other households can pick up your child. Some general lockdown guidance can be found here which restricts childcare bubbles: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#childcare-and-childrens-activities>

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Our drop off and pick up times will remain the same and are:

Class	School Day	
	Drop off	Pick up
Acorns and Oaks	Drop off	9.05
	Pick up	15.25
Chestnuts	Drop off	9.00
	Pick up	15.20
Sycamores	Drop off	8.55
	Pick up	15.15
Redwoods	Drop off	8.50
	Pick up	15.10

- We will continue to only allow one person in the school office area at a time and face coverings must be worn at these times.
- Currently we are still unable to have bikes and scooters within school so these will need to be taken home after drop off if they are used to get to school.

I am aware that it is a highly anxious time for us all and we want to do everything we can to reduce the risk to everyone involved with our great school. Your support with the above is really appreciated and we hope that by combining ours and your efforts we can keep our school a safe place for all.

I will write to you again when further guidance is shared by the government. In the meantime, you can continue to find the most up to date guidance from the government for parents here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

I appreciate that this is a challenging time for us all. Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of the children and staff as well as all of our families. We are still here for you and if you need to talk to us you can use our usual communication channels:

Email – admin@thelink.academy

Telephone - 01626 353980

Facebook page – private message

As stated at the start, we are really pleased to remain open and we know that the children will continue to gain so much by having the opportunity to remain in school. We are busy thinking about all the exciting ways that we can deliver our curriculum over the coming weeks.

Thank you all for your continued support of our school and everyone in it!

Mr Turner

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