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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to you because your child is currently attending school in one of the key worker bubbles.

As I am sure you are aware, the prevalence of the Covid-19 virus is especially high in the Banbury area at the moment. Therefore, we have reviewed our risk assessment to take account of this.

We are asking both staff and students to wear their face covering in the classroom and we have increased social distance between students as far as possible. Please can you ensure face coverings are washed regularly. We would also be grateful if you would please speak with your child about the reasons why this is necessary.

I also need to draw your attention to the following update in the government guidance regarding school attendance which was published at the weekend:

“Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.”

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/950510/School_national_restrictions_guidance.pdf

This change has been made because of increasing concerns around the level of community transmission. Please do not feel that your child needs to attend all the time, as they will not lose their place.

In light of this updated guidance, please only send your child into school when a place is required. In addition, if your child no longer requires a place on their allocated day, please advise the Attendance Officer in the usual way.

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If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you and they need to remain at home and self-isolate. You can seek advice from the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 119.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19. These are as follows:-

Do

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitiser gel, if soap and water are not available
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please be assured we will continue to support you as much as possible.

Yours sincerely



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