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Dear Parents and Carers

Can I begin by thanking you for your support when dropping your children off in the mornings this week. This has worked really well and your children have all been so independent and grown-up!

As you know, we've entered a second lockdown as a country today and schools received updated guidance late yesterday afternoon. There are no significant changes for primary schools, however I would like to draw your attention to the following points:

- **All children are expected to attend school/Nursery** unless they are not well enough to do so – please continue to follow the same guidance regarding possible COVID symptoms and other illnesses, notifying the school office as soon as possible.
- More evidence has emerged that shows there is a **very low risk of children** becoming very unwell from coronavirus, therefore children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, should still attend school.
- **Clubs will no longer be able to take place this term** – we hope to have something in place for January but this will be dependent on guidance. If your child has been invited to one of Mr Atkinson's club, you will receive a separate message about this.
- **Acorns Club** will remain **open** before and after school for working families.
- When dropping off at the main entrance and collecting children, **only one adult should come on to the school site** still. Please continue to adhere to social distancing and leave the site as swiftly as possible.
- At the end of the day, some children are running ahead of their grownups on the way out of school. It is essential that your children remain with you and that you are not mixing with other families. **You should also NOT be congregating in groups** of any size anywhere near the school/on the green.
- Whilst it is not compulsory for parents/carers to wear a face covering when dropping off/collecting children you are welcome to wear one if this makes you feel more comfortable.
- If you need **to enter the school office**, due to having an appointment/collecting a child, **you will be expected to wear a face covering**.
- Please continue to use Class Dojo and the Class email to contact your child's teacher about learning related matters.
- Finally, can I please remind parents and carers to ensure children have **all of their belongings** with them each morning. We are still having a number of forgotten items left in the entrance everyday which then leads to unnecessary movement around the school as someone has to deliver these items to classes. Thank you.

Schools continue to be safe places for pupils and staff and our good hygiene measures remain in place and will continue to do so. Attendance continues to remain high.

Understandably, this is still an anxious time for many families; please do contact the school if you need any support.

Kind regards
Mrs Crittenden
Headteacher