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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you have had a good half term, despite the rather miserable weather.

You will of course be aware of the new national restrictions from this Thursday 5th November and so we wanted to write to all parents to confirm that our schools remain open and children are expected to attend school, just as they were before half term, of course assuming that they are fit and well and are not required to isolate.

The guidance for the full opening of schools is unchanged at present and although we await updates to this, the government have made it very clear that schools will remain open:

The Government will continue to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our young people and will not be closing schools, colleges or universities. It remains very important for children and young people to attend, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians. Senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be, and so they should continue to go to school. Schools have implemented a range of protective measures to make them safe.

Health and safety is paramount and our schools with Cirrus Primary Academy Trust work collaboratively to ensure that all risk assessments are robust and rigorously followed. While we have not had to make adaptations to these since the announcement on Saturday 31st October, as we are all very mindful of the situation, we would like to share the following reminders that apply to all our schools. We ask that you please:

- continue to follow the procedures set out by your child's school sent to you for the start of this academic year
- maintain social distancing when dropping off and collecting your child(ren) and wear a face covering when doing so
- ensure that you follow the school's attendance arrangements, keeping the school office fully updated if your child is unable to attend school
- in the event of a bubble closure, engage with home learning activities, adhering to the acceptable user policy sent to all parents

In addition, due to the tighter national restrictions, children should only be collected from school by their own parents, a childminder or somebody from their support bubble. In the interests of doing our very best to keep our communities safe and well, we ask that parents adhere to this.

We very much recognise that these are difficult times for all concerned, but the Trust and its individual schools continue to work tirelessly to ensure that your child can attend school in a safe and engaging learning environment and continue to progress both academically and socially.

Kind regards

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