



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Second Lockdown - Suspension of Extra Curricular Activities**

It is with much regret that I write to confirm that, following yesterday's update of the 'Guidance for full opening: Schools' document, our extra curricular activities have to be suspended during the period of this second lockdown. The government guidance states that all out of school activities which are not being used primarily for the purpose of registered childcare and respite care, and indeed for some other specified purposes which are not applicable to our school, should close for face to face provision for the period of the national restrictions.

This means that for the weeks beginning 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November, there will be no after school clubs running and children need to be collected at their usual time (i.e. 3.00pm / 3.10pm / 3.20pm).

We will liaise with our club providers with the aim of ensuring that these missed sessions can be re-scheduled. I am sure you will appreciate that none of us know what will happen when we reach 2<sup>nd</sup> December so we are unable to confirm precise arrangements at this stage. We are potentially looking at carrying over these Autumn Term sessions into January 2021 and pushing back the start of our Spring Term club provision. Please bear with us.

Please be advised that any additional 'booster' classes, be they individual, small group or larger classes, will go ahead as scheduled because these are part of the delivery of the curriculum and are not classed in the guidance as extra-curricular activities. We run these classes annually at Barrow Hedges and of course, given the lengthy period of school closure last academic year, these are now especially important. Measures are in place to ensure that these can be safely run as an extension to our usual school day.

We know that this will be really disappointing for those children who have been enjoying attending after school clubs for the past month. However, you will appreciate that these national restrictions have of course brought about revised guidance which we are required to adhere to.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter and we all look forward to being able to safely re-commence with our extra curricular activities as soon as we can.

Kind regards,

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