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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I hope you have all enjoyed a happy and healthy half-term break, despite the disappointing weather. I wanted to write to you prior to children returning to school tomorrow to update you on ways in which we can help keep our school community a safe place for all as well as recap some key information for you:

### **Face Coverings**

As you will be aware, from Thursday of this week the country will be entering another period of lockdown, meaning people living in England should only leave their home when it is necessary. This will include to bring children to and from school as it has been made clear that schools will be remaining open during lockdown.

As well as entering a period of lockdown, the data produced both nationally and locally shows that rates of COVID-19 infection are rising and we are also aware that, due to our location, it is not always possible for adults to socially distance when dropping off and collecting children from school.

With all of this in mind, **we are now asking that as of tomorrow, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, all adults coming onto the school site wear a face covering.** These coverings have become a part of our everyday life in the last few months and so I am sure you will all understand why we are taking this step. Put simply, it is about keeping the children, staff and wider school community safe.

In addition to this, we are also asking that adults spend as little time on the school site as possible. **If dropping your child to their line in the morning, please leave them in the line and continue making your way around the one-way system; in the afternoon, once your child is returned to you, please use the one-way system to depart school safely and immediately.**

### **Drop-off/Collection Reminders**

Our processes for drop-off and collection of pupils have continued to work well and have been highly commended by the local authority following a monitoring visit. Your co-operation in supporting these systems is very much appreciated by myself and the team. Please continue to keep in mind the following next term:

- In the morning, please do not arrive at the main gates until your eldest child's given start time

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- If possible, walk or cycle to and from school; Bank Road is extremely busy as always and we must do all we can to keep it accessible to all
- Do not come through the gates to line-up with your child/children until you have been called forward by a member of staff
- In the afternoon, please do not arrive at the main gates until your youngest child's given finish time
- **After drop-off and collection, please do not remain on-site or gather on Bank Road to talk;** we realise it's important to catch-up with friends, however our new systems depend on parents/carers spending as little time on-site as possible
- Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat & a water bottle that has their name on it
- On days that your child has PE, please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kit

### Communication with Staff

Unfortunately, the current situation dictates that **staff cannot be available at the start or end of the day for conversations with parents.** However, there are other means of communication that can be used in order to bridge this gap:

- Email or phone the school office requesting a call back from the class teacher and this can be arranged at a mutually convenient time. If preferable, video calls with staff can also be arranged
- Email or phone the school office with a message for a member of staff and this will be passed on by the office team
- If your child has any additional learning needs that you would like to discuss in detail, you should contact Mrs Margea, our SENCO, via the school office
- If you wish to speak with Miss Welsh in her role as Family Link Mentor, she can also be contacted via the school office

Myself and Mr Hunt are also available via the office should you wish to speak to either of us regarding general concerns or queries.

Throughout the past 6 months we have kept our school open to those who were able to attend; last term we were delighted to welcome back all children to school safely. Tomorrow we begin the second term of the school year and once again our main priority is to keep the children safe, happy and learning. Your cooperation with all of the above will go a long way to ensuring this and I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

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If you would like to discuss any of the above in more detail, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office. In the meantime, I look forward to welcoming you all back to St Peter's this term.

Best wishes,

Rhys Buckley  
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