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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very clear message from government this week – we will face increased lockdown measures if we do not stop the spread of Covid-19. More restrictions have been put in place this week.

More than ever now, everybody must take extra steps to keep all of us safe.

Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty and Sir Patrick Valance, the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser warned that the **number of people getting Covid is doubling every 7 days.**
We are at serious risk of having even more deaths and very sick people in the UK.

We have been told:

- To limit the number of different people, including households, we come into contact with.
- Not meet inside or outside in groups larger than 6 (which includes children)
- To wear a face mask when you go into enclosed places like shops, in taxis and buses
- To wash or sanitise our hands often
- To keep away from other people by giving them space
- Pubs shut at 10pm
- You will be fined if you break these laws

As a school we are taking lots of extra measures to keep the children safe that you would not be having to do at home.

We are determined to keep our school open. Please help us by following the government rules.

Anyone with one of the Covid symptoms must get a test – go on the www.nhs.uk/ website or call 119.
Anyone with any of the symptoms and their family must isolate and they cannot go out at all, except to get the test done.

If your child is off the government now require you to phone in every day, even if the school knows the reason. Thank you for doing this.

Remote Learning Planning

We are working hard on developing a remote learning plan that closely reflects what we do in school just in case the government close schools again or we have a local need to lock the school down or shut a class in the event of a Covid outbreak.

Please can you try to provide your child with a laptop or other device. Children may be able to access remote learning, including short videos on a smart phone. Let the school know if you have no way of doing this. We cannot lend school equipment but we might be able to point you in the way of organisations that could help you.

Parking outside and around the school

The parking issue has been with us for many years and I know that many parents and residents despair about the poor parking and busyness outside at the end of the day. Our priority is keeping children safe and some people's parking is not helping us to do this.

Despite many attempts to improve the situation, we still have some parents who do not park thoughtfully.

Please remember these things:

- Do not park on double yellow lines
- Park close to the kerb
- Do not park on the corners of the roads and local closes blocking access
- Do not park in the school exits.
- Buses come regularly down Astley Road and need clear access.



Special lunch

Thanks for bearing with us while we have to offer sandwiches in the classrooms due to the Covid restrictions. We are going to try a special of **pizza and chips and a dessert on Thursday 1st October** to see how this goes!

Book and pay using ParentPay.

Level 2 Mental Health Training online course– free qualification offer

If you would like to upskill and gain a Level 2 qualification in Mental Health and Wellbeing totally free of charge, follow this link:

https://formstack.io/TyZSziXRWndR4L6rW7HXEppqL8_drGsA9XWS0F15Xgj56D1utKVODIduJM61p1nho0J4a8leTLQaQSD1qo22bw

You may have to copy and paste this link into your browser.

Children leaving at the end of the day

Please would parents stand back away from the gate near the angel carving to ensure everyone can socially distance as they leave school.

Thanks for all your support and kind comments at this time. They mean a great deal to us.

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