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Dear Parents/Carers,

12.2.21

Update for Nursery Parents

I am writing to give you an update on the current Covid-19 situation and also to inform you that we will have to change our morning drop-off arrangements for Nursery after the holidays – please see below.

On-going Risk of Covid-19

During this difficult half-term, we are so pleased that we were able to offer some on-site provision for our youngest children and we know from feedback that many of you have been glad of this support.

However, I am writing to remind you of the on-going risk of transmission of Covid-19 and the need to continue to follow the rules – of the National Lockdown and of the School. These rules are in place to reduce community transmission and also to reduce the risk to everyone in contact with the school:

- Your child must not attend school if they are unwell – we will contact you to collect your child if your child appears to be at all unwell. In particular, please do not send your child into school if they are displaying the 3 main symptoms of coronavirus: feeling hot/temperature, loss of taste/smell or a cough;
- It is School Policy for all adults to wear a face covering when on our site. I am sure that you are familiar with this requirement in shops and supermarkets and will understand the need to reduce transmission risks and protect others;
- Outside of school, children should not be 'mixing' with children from other households. We have noticed that the park area has become busy – children should not be playing on the park without close adult supervision. Similarly, we would be concerned if we heard reports of families who are accessing an on-site place, but not following the National Lockdown rules. This is because any increased interaction with others will bring added risk to those in contact with school. I must warn you that should such reports come to my attention, I would have to review whether or not we can continue to offer a Nursery place.

Coronavirus Level in Salford

Whilst the Coronavirus rates are falling in Salford, in the week ending Friday 5th February, this area had the second highest number of cases in Greater Manchester and is above the rate in England. In this week's statement, Salford's Director of Public Health reminded us that we continue to be in a national lockdown for the whole of the country, which means everyone has been asked to **stay at home unless there is a specific reason to go out**.

She added that, “Salford’s rates do not put the city in a strong position to relax restrictions and continue to put a severe strain on our hospitals and other health services.”

Further details can be found at: [Coronavirus level in Salford • Salford City Council](#)

This information shows that Coronavirus remains a very real risk in our community and one that we must continue to safeguard against. We are aware that positive cases are still happening in our community and although our Bubbles in School have not been affected so far, we must continue to be vigilant.

Our School site remains closed to the vast majority of our pupils. I have a duty to ensure that for those who are on-site, we have taken every step to minimise the risk to the whole community – the children, their families and the staff who will all come into contact with each other.

Therefore, if you would like to continue to access your Nursery place, I must insist that alongside that place - comes the responsibility to follow the rules.

Change of Gate for Morning Drop-off

After half-term we have got to have essential repairs to large parts of the school roof, which will involve scaffolding being erected around the building – restricting access to areas of the school.

Therefore, we will have to change the time and the gate for dropping-off your child – **just in the morning.**

The new arrangements will be as follows:-

Details	Time	Arrangements
Start of Morning Session	9.00 am	Edison Road Gate opens – Staff will collect the children at the gate and walk them down to Nursery. Please do not arrive at the gate before this time, because Reception and Junior children will still be arriving at this gate.
End of Session	12.00 noon	Kiddiewinkles Door (no change to pick up arrangements). Please remember that face coverings are mandatory and also to follow social distancing whilst on our site.

Thank you for your support and I hope that you enjoy your family time together over the half-term holiday.

Mrs Clancy
Headteacher

