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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the announcement of the new lockdown effective from Thursday 5 November, we have revisited our risk assessment to ensure that it remains fit for purpose, and that we have made any necessary adjustments to take into account changes to the Government guidance.

Schools will remain open over the lockdown period, and in the light of the increased threat from the virus, we must ask parents to strictly follow social distancing guidelines when dropping off or picking up from school. The guidance states that no one should meet, even outdoors, with anyone other than the people they live with or their support bubble. This applies equally to school grounds, so please do not gather in groups, and leave the school grounds immediately after drop off or collection. **We would also ask that adults coming on to the school grounds wear a face covering.**

Teachers will not wear face coverings in class, but staff will be allowed to wear clear visors should they wish to do so. The guidance for children of primary school age remains unchanged in that there is no requirement for them to be worn in school.

The situation is very fluid and more guidance is likely to be issued before Thursday. Please rest assured that all schools within the Trust will continue to monitor the situation and to take all necessary actions to maintain the safety of the sites for everyone in our school communities. We are grateful for your continued support as we all need to work together for the benefit of the children in our care.

Our risk assessment is updated regularly, and is published on the Trust website at <https://www.connectschoolsacademytrust.com/trust-policies>

Yours sincerely



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