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Dear Parents

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Covid Restrictions

You will be aware that the National Lockdown is starting today, and that the hope is that it will result in a dramatic fall in infections across the country. However, we are still in a very dangerous period where the infections are likely to rise considerably and we are all going to be MORE vulnerable until they start going down again. For that reason could I please remind parents again:

- Please do not come into school with your children in the morning or at pick up time. We need you to drop them off at the entrance to the cloakrooms, for Class 1 and 2, and at the entrance to the shelter for Reception and Nursery. We do not want parents coming on to the shelter or cloakroom to help children put their things away or change their shoes as we want to minimise contact with the equipment from people other than pupils or staff.
- Please can you ensure that you wear a mask when you come into school.
- Please can you also ensure that you always ring the front door bell and wait to be admitted, even if the door is sometimes on the latch.
- If you or anyone in your family develops any of the following symptoms – a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste, please do NOT send your child into school until they have had a negative test result. I have put the quick guide for carers that I sent out a few weeks ago on to the front page of the school website so that you can access it easily. Google Whitley Chapel CE First School to find it.

I apologise if this feels very unwelcoming, but the staff are going to great lengths with ensuring extra cleaning of classrooms and washing of hands in order to keep themselves and your children safe, and we need you to respect this.

Road Safety

A few parents have expressed concern at the number of cars parked on both sides of the road on Leazes Lane by the Parish Hall, and how difficult it is to get safely past with children coming to and from school, particularly those on foot. There are a large number of parking spaces marked beyond the Parish Hall on the Parish Field side of the road. Could I please ask parents to use these spaces and not park on the opposite side? If we all park on just one side, it makes it much easier to see when cars are moving off, and gives everyone a safe place to walk. Please could parents also make sure that they do not let their children run ahead of them to the car, as it is not always easy for other drivers to see them.

Could I also ask that parents do not park at the front of the school where the letterbox is? The pavement there has been specifically designed for the School taxis to drop children off so that they do not have to walk on the road. If parents park there, the taxis have to go further back where they block the School House drive and it is less safe for the children to get out. Please could you park down from the Church if you wish to come in to school through that entrance.

Many thanks for your support during this challenging time.

Miss Jenny Morgan