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Dear Parents/Carer,

As I am sure all of you are aware that the vast majority of Essex will be placed under Tier 2 restrictions as of midnight tonight. I felt it was appropriate to write to you to reassure you that this change will have very little impact on your child's experience at school. I would be lying if I said I knew what was going to happen over the coming weeks and months but what I can say is that there is a determination from all parts (schools, national and local government as well as parents) to ensure that any changes to restrictions have limited impact, if any, on the education of children.

As a school, we will continue to plan for every eventuality and ensure that we are ready to provide a good or better education regardless of the circumstances that we may be faced with in the future. Our systems are robust and have enabled us to provide the education that your children have needed since the beginning of September. These systems and procedures are continually reviewed and adapted to ensure that my staff can provide the safest experience for all. As the new restrictions come into force, we will be making a few small changes to a range of procedures in and around school to ensure that we continue to minimise any increased risk.

With your support, the staggered drop off and pick up times have been a success which has resulted in very few occasions where large numbers of adults have been waiting to drop off or pick up. **In addition to the staggered times, from Monday (19th October) I am asking all families to limit the number of adults on site during these times. To reduce the risk further, I would ask that only one adult per family enters the school site during drop off and pick up times.** Currently, this is the only change I am making that directly affects parents - the rest of our changes will impact the internal daily running of the school day which will be managed by staff. I know some schools have started to ask parents to wear masks whilst on site; however, at this time, I feel that by continuing using our one-way system, staggered times and by reducing the number of adults on site at one time we will reduce the risk without the need for asking parents to wear masks. I will continue to consider this stance over the following days, weeks and months and will suggest further changes when I feel they are needed. I would like to remind parents that if they wish to wear a mask whilst on the school site, they are welcome to do so.

I have continued and will continue to update the school's website with additional information linked to COVID-19. If you would like to visit the pages, please use the links below or access the 'Parent' section on the school's website -

Information linked to COVID-19 Symptoms and Testing:

[www.hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk/web/information linked to covid-19 symptoms and testing](http://www.hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk/web/information%20linked%20to%20covid-19%20symptoms%20and%20testing)

COVID-19 Advice for Parents:

[www.hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk/web/covid-19 advice for parents](http://www.hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk/web/covid-19%20advice%20for%20parents)

COVID-19 Weekly Isolation Information:

[www.hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk/web/covid-19 - weekly isolation information](http://www.hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk/web/covid-19%20-%20weekly%20isolation%20information)

I would like to thank you all for the continued support that you have shown the school since June and more recently since September. Everyone has played a vital role in keeping our community safe. I look forward to continuing working with the whole school community to keep us all as safe as we possibly can be.

Yours sincerely

Mr. S. Proctor