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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back. I hope you managed to relax over the half term and feel better prepared for whatever lies ahead. First of all, I would like to say a huge thank you to you all. You have been overwhelmingly supportive and understanding at this difficult time. I am very proud of all that we have achieved together and know that we will continue to do our very best in keeping each other safe.

As you know, from midnight on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, we will, once again, be going into Lock Down. This time around, LockDown will be different as schools are remaining open. The experts advise us that to keep children in school far outweighs the risks and seeing the children return to some kind of normality seems the best way.

For many of us, Lock Down will cause anxiety but I wanted to reassure you that we are doing all we can to ensure our school is as safe as it can be for all of us. Our protective measures remain in place and all staff are working hard, not only in making sure your children and themselves remain as safe as possible but that the children's learning also progresses, and is accelerated where needed. We are working hard to make up for lost time and the children are making us very proud.

**As from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> we are making two changes.**

**Drop off time remains the same but I am asking that you pick up your children from 3.00 p.m – 3.15 p.m. This will enable teachers to continue teaching for longer and disruption to the class kept to a minimum. However, in order to balance the risk I am strongly recommending that parents/carers wear masks when dropping off and picking up. Staff will also be asked to wear masks when on gate/door duty. I know you will do all you can to help us. Please remember, we ask that drop off and pick up is as quick as can be and that parents/carers do not stay on site to chat.**

You are all doing an amazing job. If you have any difficulties or concerns please, get in touch. Although we are keeping face to face meetings to a minimum we can speak on the phone, meet outside at a distance or via Class Dojo. Please know that we are here for you and, as I keep saying to the staff, 'this too will pass'.

Best wishes

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