

Whilst I am certain that this letter does not apply to every parent or carer, I hope you will forgive me sending it out to all of you and asking you all to please read it carefully.

**As you know, the pandemic is not over.** The country is still in lockdown and restrictions will be eased very, very gradually. This began with the return of the children to school this week. However, there are many rules still in operation in order to minimise the risk of a third wave of COVID19. Last week, I reminded you of our rules around school. These are designed to keep your children, the staff and yourselves safe.

Today, it has become clear that a large number of you are not following our COVID-safe rules and I must insist that you do so. Rain, lateness or a need to talk to another parent are not acceptable reasons to breach our safety rules. There are no acceptable reasons for not following these rules:

- 1 - One adult only should drop children off at school.
- 2 - All adults on site - in the school grounds - must wear a face covering at all times, unless they are exempt from doing so. If you are exempt, you must clearly display your exemption card.
- 3 - Older (secondary-aged) siblings should not be on site.
- 4 - The one way system must be followed at all times.
- 5 - You must maintain social distancing between yourself and other adults.
- 6 - There should be no congregating in any area, including outside the school gates.

These are rules that are designed with safety in mind. They comply with guidance issued by the Department for Education. They are designed to minimise the risk to all our community members and to reduce the risk of us needing to send classes home to self-isolate.

Please comply with the rules at all times. I would also remind you that school staff have the right to insist upon the rules being followed on the school site. Verbal abuse or aggression towards staff will not be tolerated.

Thank you for your support.