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Dear Parents

Now we have entered this national lockdown, I wanted to write to you again to touch base. I hope that you and your families remain safe and well, we all recognise that this is a challenging time for all of us and we are here to support our community.

Since we wrote to you earlier in the week, the Government has now updated the guidance for schools and, as promised, we want to let you know what is happening. All precautions are being taken and the safety and wellbeing of your children and our staff comes first.

Reassuringly, the measures that were implemented in September remain the same. In primary schools the Government has stated that: **More evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from coronavirus (COVID-19), even for children with existing health conditions.** Our current measures such as bubbles, social distancing of staff and parents, good hygiene and ventilation remain. Your child will not experience any changes in this respect.

In secondary schools, staff have been advised to wear masks when they are outside of their bubbles and moving around schools. Whilst we have robust social distancing measures in place for adults, we have taken the decision to also apply this in school. Your child's teacher will not be wearing a face covering when teaching your child, but children will see adults wearing face coverings when it is necessary for them to move through a corridor or use the staff room. The children have become very used to seeing the staff in school wearing face coverings on the gates already. **Children are not required to wear face coverings at this time.**

I hope that you are reassured by the fact that there are no significant changes because the measures already in place are robust and working. The children have been brilliant and I have been so proud of them all for following the measures with such maturity and ease. We have been celebrating what good 'stewards' they are in our Worship, as they continually think about keeping themselves and others around them safe.

We want to thank you once again for continuing to socially distance at drop off and pick up times and sticking to the allocated time, so there are not large numbers gathering at one time. Please can I now remind everyone of the importance of not gathering around school to chat with other parents and, once your child has gone into Garden Lane, that you move on. Thank you also for continuing to wear a face covering and supporting this national lockdown outside of school in order to keep our community safe.

Finally, thank you for your kind messages of support for the whole team at Ellacombe, we are all working incredibly hard, as are our families, to support the children. We hope that you and your families continue to stay safe and well during this period.

Your Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Semmens".

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