



23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

### COVID Update

It has come to our attention today that several families have participated in family and friend gatherings or have celebrations planned imminently which are in breach of the national lockdown rules. The current national restrictions which have been in place from 5th November can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>. Whilst I fully understand the frustration these rules cause, we have been advised that to protect the school community we should be reporting these incidents to the local police.

I do not want to have to undertake such drastic action, but as you can imagine I have a responsibility to protect the whole school community including my staff and their families. If we have a child diagnosed with COVID at Parkland, we will have to send their whole class bubble home to isolate for 14 days, including the staff that work with the children. As you can imagine, this may have a considerable knock on effect for those parents, who will have to arrange childcare and may not be able to go to work themselves, as well as this measure impacting on the children's education.

We have put stringent measures in place here at Parkland to keep our school community safe and your children have acclimatised to the new routines incredibly well. Please support us in keeping our whole community safe so that we can get back to some semblance of normality and hopefully enjoy the Christmas break with our friends and family.

We are now requesting that masks **must** be worn when dropping off and picking up children, unless you have a medical exemption. Please remember that we only allow one adult to drop off or collect children in order to keep the number of adults to a minimum.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Andrews  
Headteacher