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Dear Parents/Carers

As the second National lockdown begins, we wanted to contact you to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to keep the children safe within school.

As you know we have many measures already in place in school such as the one way system, social distancing where possible, keeping the children in bubbles and many more protective measures that can be found in our risk assessment online. You will also know that this risk assessment is updated regularly to make sure it is always accurate and as good as possible. It can be found on our website <https://www.beaconviewprimary.co.uk/>

In addition to the systems that we already had in place, we will now be ensuring that all adults in school wear visors or masks in all communal areas and we are further reducing the number of visitors to school to only those that are essential. This means that visits, such as tours of the school for the new Year R children and their parents, will no longer be able to go ahead in person and will all need to be online. **This is also true for parents' evenings which will take place online next week.** If you have not already booked in your appointment for parents evening, you can do this by visiting:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/BeaconViewPrimaryAcademy@beaconviewprimary.co.uk/bookings/>

Alternatively, you can visit us on Facebook and book your session through the link there. Don't worry if you would prefer a phone call instead of an online meeting, you can request this when you book your slot.

You will know from our previous letters that we have been asking all parents to wear masks when dropping off and collecting their children. Thank you to everyone who is doing this, the vast majority of parents are now and so if everyone else could make a final push to do this, it would help to keep the school community safer and ensure the school can stay open for as long as possible.

Currently there is no change in the expectation that children should continue to come to school during the lockdown period. The Chief and Deputy Chief Medical Officers in the UK have been very clear on the benefits of attendance. (A copy of their press release is posted on our website.) A small number of parents have asked us whether they should keep their children at home because, for example, they have vulnerable relatives. We recognise that this is a dilemma and have empathy for parents in this situation. However, the current rules are that school attendance remains compulsory for children of school age and that any absence will be marked as unauthorised unless the child is having to officially self-isolate.

School really is the best place for the children, for their education and for their mental health so thank you to all parents who have been so supportive of the school in these strange times. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Best wishes,

Mr J Hartley
Executive Headteacher

Mrs R Mitchell
Head of School

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