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Dear Scientia Families

Headteacher:
Helen Bye

Welcome back to the new school year, thank you for your patience and understanding in this very new way of working. It has been great to see all our children back with happy smiling faces and all eager to learn. The children have adapted very quickly and have settled into the new routines well.

I do understand that it can be frustrating having to wait and follow one-way systems however, we are following the guidelines laid out by the Department for Education and this will mean that things will be difficult for a while. We are a very large school with small access gates so getting everyone through safely is a challenge, please do not come earlier than you need to as we have staggered end times to help ease congestion. I will continue to monitor and adapt if there is anything that can be done to improve our systems, but we are very limited by the guidelines and the space we have available.

I would ask you to please wear a face covering whilst dropping off or picking up your children. Lots of you are already doing this, if you are not wearing a mask, can I remind you that we are trying to keep each other safe as well as the children, some parents and staff are clinically more vulnerable, some are anxious about the virus and I think we should all be considerate to this when entering the school site.

If **anyone** in your household shows symptoms of COVID-19, please **do not** send in any of the children, you should keep **everyone** off and book your tests. Once you have the results, if they are negative, the children can return. If they are positive you must remain in self isolation for the required period. Please keep us informed through emails or phone messages, as we must notify Public Health England if we have confirmed cases or a rise in suspected cases. This will help the local public health bodies plan for a local spike and is an important part of keeping the whole community safe.

Thank you again for your support in this very difficult time, please let us know if there is anything else you are worried about or need help with, we are here to listen and want to work together in the best interest of all our families.

I will be sending out a full newsletter, next week with important dates and school information.

Kindest Regards

Helen Bye

Headteacher