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Dear Families,

Unfortunately, in Central Bedfordshire, the Covid-19 rates are rising and there is an increasing strain on the hospitals. To try and reduce transmission and ease the pressure on the local hospitals all schools have been strongly advised by Public Health to re-implement measures to try and reduce the transmission rate. Please read the accompanying letter which outlines the advice from Central Bedfordshire.

Below I will outline the implications for us at Tithe Farm:

1. Staff will wear face coverings when not in their classrooms. This will include at the start and the end of the day.
2. We are strongly encouraging parents to wear a face covering at drop off and collection and respect the wishes of others to maintain a distance.
3. We are reinstating the 1-way system. Entry for all adults will be through the Key Stage 1 gate (next to CleverKidz). The exit will be through the Key Stage 2 gate.
4. Children who are in Key Stage 2 who enter school on their own can enter through the pedestrian gate on the Key Stage 2 side in the mornings.
5. Gates will continue to open at 8:35am and close at 8:50am for morning drop off.
6. Collection times will be as follows:
 - Reception – 3:15pm
 - Year 1 and 2 – 3:30pm
 - Year 3 and 4 – 3:30pm
 - Year 5 and 6 – home walkers 3:25pm. Those children who are picked up by an adult on the school premise will be collected at 3:30pm

The doors for drop off and collection have not changed.

7. Meetings with families will no longer be in person but via Google Meet or by telephone. Please limit the face to face end of the day conversations with teachers. If you need to speak to them, please call the office.
8. There will be no non-essential visitors in school.
9. We will take reasonable steps to reduce indoor gathering and mixing between year groups. As a consequence, there will be no coffee mornings, in person class assemblies or in person Christmas productions.
10. There will be no inter school sporting fixtures until this guidance is changed.

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As a school we are disappointed that we need to reintroduce these measures however it is important that we all work together to reduce transmission rates and ensure that our children's education is not impacted further and that more restrictive measures are not required.

It is anticipated that these measures will be in place until Christmas. I will update you as and when I receive further information.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs R Worsfold
Headteacher

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