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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that the Government has now announced that London will move to Tier 2 (high alert level) restrictions from midnight on Friday 16 October.

This means that people will no longer be able to visit or mix with other households in their homes. This includes play dates with your children's friends, which should now only take place outdoors. These new measures are being introduced to protect Londoners and bring the virus under control in our city.

Schools remain fully open for all children, there are no changes at this stage. Your children will be expected to attend as usual. I want to reassure you that we take the safety and well being of our children, staff and our school community seriously. We are doing all that we can to ensure that during these unprecedented times we are working to keep everyone in our school community safe and well.

We are following all the Government guidance in relation to COVID-19. Our COVID-19 procedures are based on detailed risk assessments that have been approved by our Trustees and teaching unions. All our staff have had training on our covid safety measures, to ensure that we minimise the risks of transmission while continuing to teach our children effectively.

Since September our safety measures include restricting visitors to the school, new drop off and pick up arrangements for children, and teaching classes in bubbles so there are fewer interactions between pupils. We have also implemented staggered times for lesson changes, breaks and lunch times to reduce interaction between pupils and reduce the risk of transmission. In addition to this, we also have hand sanitising stations placed strategically throughout the school and children and staff regularly wash and sanitise their hands throughout the day. Our staff wear face coverings in communal areas, to further reduce risk of transmission. Thorough cleaning schedules are in place.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Government has advised that anyone who experiences any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms must self isolate, and book a test [get a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) test](#)

You should follow the government's advice on self isolation

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> if your child or any member of your household has symptoms of coronavirus.

The government guidance is clear that formal and informal childcare arrangements can continue. For informal, unpaid childcare, this should always be organised within the same two households.

We are following all the Government guidance in relation to COVID-19 to work to keep you all safe. We ask you to continue to work with us and thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Afreedi

