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**\*IMPORTANT TIER 4 COVID RESTRICTIONS\***

11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parent,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

On 5<sup>th</sup> November, the Prime Minister announced new lockdown measures that require schools to update practice on keeping staff and children safer in schools. I am pleased to say that some of the additional protective measures that were published on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November are already standard practice at St. Mark's. We all have a role to play in order to keep ourselves and others around us as safe as possible.

Please take some time to read the following updates and ensure that you comply with the additional protective measures we are informing you about.



**\*PLEASE WEAR FACE COVERINGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS\***

Parents are respectfully asked to wear face coverings when bringing children to and collecting them from school.

**\*PLEASE MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE FROM OTHERS\***

Please ensure you maintain a safe distance (at least 1 metre) away from other parents including when having a conversation with another adult. Parents are also required to stand well back from the doors (particularly the Reception and Year 1 door) so as not to get too close to school staff. Once you have dropped your child at school or collected your child, please leave the school grounds promptly.



**\*PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT THE ALLOCATED TIME\***

Please do not collect your child at an earlier time than is absolutely necessary, delivery of the recovery curriculum that we have planned (explained in the parent meetings in September) reconnect pupils with the curriculum and address any gaps in learning brought about by the national lockdown. When children are collected early from school, they are missing out on valuable learning time. If you are collecting more than one child in another key stage, please arrive at the **later** collection time. The staggered collection times also ensure that social distancing can be maintained.

**\*PLEASE ENSURE YOU ADHERE TO CHILDCARE AND SUPPORT BUBBLE RULES\***

Childcare settings including childminders, before/after school clubs and nannies can still be used and children of parents who are separated can continue to move between households.

**Who can make a support bubble?**

**If you're in a single-adult household...** You can form a support bubble with another household of any size that is not part of a support bubble with anyone else if you:

- live by yourself – even if carers visit you to provide support
- are a single adult living with children who were under 18 on 12 June 2020

**What a childcare bubble is...**

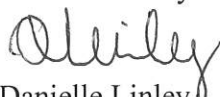
- A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to a child or children aged 13 or under. They can provide the childcare in either or both of the homes from the 2 households. 'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered.
- The childcare can be provided where necessary in any location – public or private, indoors or outdoors.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Childcare bubbles are separate from support bubbles.
- If you're eligible, you can form one childcare bubble and one support bubble with different households.
- You must not meet socially with your support bubble and childcare bubble at the same time. Childcare bubbles must be used exclusively for the purposes of childcare.

You **MUST** inform school staff in writing via email to [enquiry@stmarkrc.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stmarkrc.bham.sch.uk) if your child will be collected by someone in your support bubble or childcare bubble.

Yours sincerely



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