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**HOMETIMES**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am very pleased to be able to report that so far we have only had 1 confirmed positive case of COVID19 amongst our children and just 1 staff case- these were unconnected and happened several weeks ago. Staff have worked extremely hard to keep us as COVID safe as possible. The arrangements and measures in place have involved a huge effort from us all. Staff have willingly taken on many additional safety duties and responsibilities, in addition to the normal high demands upon them. I am extremely grateful to parents and carers for your support and patience in these most challenging times.

So I am now writing to personally appeal for your further help at hometimes.

This week, since the announcement of Tier 3 ('Very High') measures in Liverpool, we have seen growing numbers of parents on the playground and not all are observing safe practices. This is presenting unnecessary risks to us all. At hometime today, there were many examples of parents gathering in groups, not observing social distancing and causing potentially dangerous crowding at the gate.

Liverpool's Tier 3 restrictions state that there is to be "No household mixing indoors or outdoors."

This week, it seems that a small number of parents have viewed the playground as a chance to replace some of these lost opportunities for social interaction.

So as a reminder, **school is absolutely not currently a place for socialising with other parents.**

We need all parents to remember the following very clear guidelines at hometime:

- Wear a face covering (unless medically exempt)
- Observe safe social distancing of 2m from others at all times
- One parent per family on the playground at hometime
- Stick rigidly to timings- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2- **3pm** Nursery, Year's 3 to 6- **3:15pm**. If people are too early or are late, this leads to completely unnecessary congestion at the gate
- Do not wait for others- pick up your child/children on time and leave the playground sensibly
- If you are collecting children at 3 and at 3:15pm, you must keep your child at your side at all times

We all need to continue to work together to keep each other safe. With your continued and valuable support, we can continue to keep our school community as COVID safe as possible.

Many Thanks

Mr David Potter

Head Teacher