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Dear Parents/Carers

On Sunday 1st November 2020, the government announced its intention to introduce a national lockdown for four weeks commencing on 5th November 2020.

The Government has summarised its key measures as:

- Requiring people to stay at home, except for specific purposes.
- Preventing gathering with people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.
- Closing certain businesses and venues.

The national lockdown guidance can be found here:

(<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>)

The Government guidance states that **all schools will remain open**. All pupils should continue to attend school as normal.

The Trust is working closely with Stockton Public Health to manage any Covid19 cases within the school community. We have put in place a range of measures, using the national Department of Education guidance and guidance from Stockton Council Health and Safety Unit and the Public Health team, to minimise the risks to staff and pupils.

If, in consultation with the Public Health team it is deemed necessary to send pupils home to self-isolate, we will inform all concerned directly. Those pupils required to self-isolate **must stay at home** until the date provided.

The school will provide on-line learning (via seesaw) for those in self-isolation and pupils will be expected to study at home. If there are any problems with accessing school work please contact your child's class teacher directly.

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This is a difficult time for our community with many facing considerable disruption to their lives. The support our schools have received from parents throughout the pandemic has been strong and much appreciated by our staff. The Trust, at all times, is seeking to keep everyone in our community safe and maintain a high quality of education for our pupils. We ask for your support once again to help us all through this lockdown.

Yours

Mr Hodgson
Headteacher

How you can help stop COVID-19 spreading

1. Let us know if anyone in your household has symptoms

Please do not send a child to school when anyone in the household has potential symptoms of Covid19. Please contact us straight away if you or your children have the symptoms (01642 762856 or email bader@bader.org.uk).

2. Follow the NHS safety message - 'Hands. Face. Space'

hands – wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds

face – wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet

space – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible

When using public transport/school buses to travel to school you **must** wear a face covering at all times.

3. Get a test if you or your child displays Covid19 symptoms

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If anyone in your household develops these symptoms, your whole household **must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas**. You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms. When the result is known, further advice will be available from the NHS.

To get a test call 119 or go to the NHS website: nhs.uk/coronavirus

