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Dear Parents and Carers

Despite the lifting of restrictions, we should be clear that infection rates are rising in our area. Last week, rates rose by a staggering 81% in Hampshire and there have been a number of cases across our town. We will therefore continue with all our infections control measures until the end of term.

Many businesses and retailers are continuing to do the same to protect their customers and staff and are responding to our nation's leading scientists who remain concerned about rapidly increasing infection rates.

We will continue with handwashing, sanitising, disinfecting and face coverings inside our corridors and classrooms, as well as our in school contact tracing if needed. This will allow us:

1. To continue to keep our school community as safe as possible
2. To reduce the likelihood of students having to isolate for the first 10 days of the summer holidays. I want our students to be able to get out, enjoy the fresh air, outside activities and time with their friends and family.
3. To keep our wider community as safe as possible. Many of our students live with vulnerable household members and are worried about them, so we all want to look after each other and our families.

As I finish writing this letter to you, an email has just arrived from the Director of Public Health for Hampshire County Council asking all Headteachers to continue with contact tracing and face coverings in line with the individual school's risk assessment. It is encouraging that he shares our view of necessary infection control measures until the end of term.

Your children have shown a perfect attitude to these measures this year. I am incredibly impressed with how we are all working together to help keep each other and our families as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher