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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will have heard that there has been a significant increase in COVID-19 cases reported within Sefton. You may well have seen coverage of this in the local media. At present Sefton has been identified as an "area of concern" for Government. This means that our testing data and actions are being reviewed by the Government and Public Health England.

It is therefore necessary for us to consider further steps to keep us all safe and well at school.

We are also aware that a small number of Sefton schools have had to send class bubbles home to self-isolate. As part of the council's action plan, we have been asked to introduce further precautionary measures in schools and other educational settings. It is likely that as the situation develops, I will write to you again with additional measures, however at present I request that with immediate effect from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September we are asking:

- All adults to wear a face covering when visiting or entering the school premises
- Only one adult to enter the premises for drop off and pick up
- That you arrive and leave promptly when dropping off/ collecting your child – please do not congregate as we know that the virus is easily transmitted from person to person

We will also be asking that staff wear face coverings when they come out onto the playground.

In addition, schools may consider other actions that are required, such as reviewing arrangements for the drop off and collection of children and designated start times.

Hopefully, these extra measures will help reduce the virus spreading in our school community and prevent year group bubbles being sent home. I will write to you again should we be asked to introduce any further measures.

We also want to reiterate that in education settings where Year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain. They should also be worn on public transport when travelling to and from the setting.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone COVID safe.

Yours faithfully,

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