



# Herne Bay Infant School and Seashells Nursery

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Dear Families,

On Saturday 31 October, the Prime Minister announced New National Restrictions which come into force today until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, to control the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The government decision is that schools will remain open during this time and that **children should continue to attend school** to support both their wellbeing and their education. The only exception to this is children who are classified as clinically extremely vulnerable. For all other children we will be following our usual absence policy and procedures.

**Clinically extremely vulnerable children:** "Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend education whilst the national restrictions are in place. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education. Parents of clinically extremely vulnerable children will be receiving a letter shortly confirming this advice." Government guidance 05.11.20

**Clinically vulnerable children:** "Children who are clinically vulnerable or have underlying health conditions but are not clinically extremely vulnerable, may continue to attend school in line with current guidance." Government guidance 05.11.20

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm\\_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=Dfe%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=Dfe%20C19)

To help to keep **your children safe**, we are continuing this term with the measures that were put into place for the reopening of our school in September. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Children working within class pods across the school day.
- Staggered entry and exit times at separate gates limiting the number of children and parents around the school site.
- Staggered class pod playtimes and lunchtimes in designated zones on the school playground.
- Regular handwashing and hand sanitising across the school day including on entry, prior to exit, before and after being outside, before and after snack / lunch, after using the toilet.
- Well ventilated classrooms – classrooms may not be as warm as usual - please ensure your child is wearing appropriate warm clothing for the colder weather.
- Additional cleaning of frequently used equipment and resources.

To help keep **our school community safe**, please continue to adhere to the following:

- Only **one** adult to bring or collect a child to reduce the number of adults around the school site.
- Bring / collect your child at the specific time for their pod to stop unnecessary waiting around the school site.
- Follow **social distancing rules** – there are markings to support your safety at entry and exit points.
- If you are coming onto the school site or into the school building you **must wear a face covering**.
- Addressing any questions or queries, as far as possible remotely through your child's contact book, by telephoning the school office or via an email.

Thank you all for your continued support of our school community at this extraordinary time.

Kind regards

Mrs Helen Day Acting head teacher

