



*The Best That We Can Be*  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

As you will now be aware, Lancashire, including Blackpool, has now entered the Covid 19 Tier 3 'Very High' alert level category. With the extra restrictions in place, and with the rate of Covid 19 cases rising, I have decided to take some extra protective measures to keep our school community safe.

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, we will be asking all parents and visitors into school to wear a face mask or visor. I would also like to ask all parents to wear a face mask or visor at the beginning and end of the day when dropping off and collecting children – especially when on school grounds; these particular areas are by the trim trail and the Year 5/6 playground.

To reduce the spread of Covid 19, it is also essential that parents try to social distance as much as possible. I realise that there is a shortage of space around the school on Counce Street and Devonshire Road, but the staggered start and finish times, if followed correctly, should reduce congestion. To reduce crowding, please do not arrive at school early/ prior to your child's start and end times. Although we appreciate that some parents have a number of children to collect at different times and at different gates, congestion could be eased further if families ensure only one adult per family comes to the school gates, where possible. Furthermore, please can I also ask that if you are waiting with younger children for older siblings, or vice versa, they are kept with yourselves and not given the opportunity to pass the marked areas.

Unfortunately, it is with sadness that we must also cancel all extra-curricular clubs from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This will affect Y1 Multisports and Y6 Basketball clubs; Breakfast and Dragonflies Club will not be affected.

Our aim is to keep all families, pupils and staff as safe as possible in these unprecedented times and I urge you to support us with these measures.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D.P. Simm  
Headteacher