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Dear Parents and Carers

We are now into our fifth week at school and it has been a very busy start to the term. It has been delightful to see our children back in school and enjoying being back with their friends. As you will have heard in the news further restrictions are being placed on the Liverpool City Region (LCR). Sefton is one of the boroughs that makes up the LCR and as such is subject to all the restrictions made.

All our schools have worked extremely hard to make sure that the environment is very safe for them. You will have seen many new measures around the school grounds. We appreciate it has not been easy for everyone to adapt and we thank you all for all your efforts in supporting the schools to keep everyone, including yourselves safe. We do ask that you keep to the requests made when dropping off and picking up your children. We do urge you to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing as requested by all our schools. I understand this is not easy for everyone and I struggle wearing a face covering myself. However, if we are to minimise the risks to everyone then it is a small price to pay.

You will have heard the term 'blended learning' being used to describe how our children and young people are being supported with their education during this time. 'Blended learning' means that there are different approaches used with them to access the curriculum. This includes normal class teaching in school; hard copy packs sent home; websites including Oak Academy and BBC bitesize; you tube; google classroom and a wide range of other resources that schools are using. There is no one way that is right or wrong. Schools will be adapting their methods to suit the needs of their community taking into account their staffing, resources and the pupils' needs. As schools are serving individual communities and I would ask that you did not compare one school with another. All the staff in our schools are working extremely hard to meet the needs of all the children.

If you do have any concerns or worries please do contact the headteacher and discuss them so that they can be quickly resolved.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support both for your children and the schools as we all work together during these uncertain times.

Yours faithfully



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