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Update For Families 01.12.2020

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. As we move out of the second National Lockdown I wanted to write to you to explain what being in a Tier 3 category means for us in the school community.

Firstly, we have been asked by the Government to promote the use of face masks on school transport wherever possible. I know many of you requested face masks from school recently to ensure your child had access to one to keep themselves and others safe. I also know that we have had lots of reports of children continually losing face masks which we all feel frustrated by. However, can I please ask that you send your child (aged 11 and above) with a face covering on the school minibus each day. If you are struggling to get a face covering please do let school know and we will provide one for your child where this is possible.

Secondly, when the 2nd of December arrives, we will see changes in our communities whereby the shops will be open. We understand that the rules are often confusing so we thought it might be useful to explain them so that we are all able to follow them together –

- 1) If anyone in the household has symptoms of Covid you must **all** isolate in the house until you get the test result. Do not send your child into school.
- 2) If anyone in your household test positive for Covid you must **all** isolate for 14 days. Do not send your child into school even though they may have tested negative or have no obvious symptoms.
- 3) Although more places will be open it is very important that you continue to take great care. As a school, we have done extremely well this Half Term with no positive cases that have impacted children's education. However, I am mindful that the closer we get to the Christmas period where we have more freedoms, it is vital that we continue to care about each other so that no child, family or staff member has to self-isolate over Christmas. We can only do this by washing our hands, keeping our distance from each other and protecting each other by wearing a face covering.
- 4) If you are confused as to whether you are allowed to do something please do call school so that we can help you decide on whether it is safe for you.

I know we have all been asked to give up so much since March and it often feels like the situation is never going to end but as a team we have managed the pandemic incredibly well through the care and trust that we have for each other at #teamabbey. Thank you for doing so much to keep our school community safe for the past 9 months. Please do remember you are not alone whilst living through this pandemic. A phone call to school can help any situation, so please do call us if you are struggling.

Sending you all my very best wishes as we move towards the festive period.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs L Windle

Executive Headteacher.

