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Dear Parents & Carers,

As you know we are now in a new period of lockdown for the next 4 weeks with restrictions being placed upon many every day activities. This will not only affect our own families but the communities we live and work in. We all hope that these measures are enough to help control the spread of Covid-19.

We will continue to operate our stretched start and finish at the beginning and end of the school day as we are currently. At the moment you may also still approach the school from either direction and we will not return as yet to a one way system. We ask though that you do not stop to chat on the footpath but talk 'on the move' and are mindful of your own proximity to others.

We also ask that when you collect your children at the end of the school day you return to your own homes rather than playing in the village hall play area after school. This is to support the Sheepscombe Village community by minimising the number of non-resident adults and children in the village after school. The members of the Sheepscombe village community are locking down and remaining home to help reduce transmission of Covid-19 and we feel it is only fair that we ask you to do the same.

You will also of course be aware that schools and other educational settings remain open as usual under the current rules. We would like to continue to provide our breakfast and after school clubs if we can. The new guidance today from the DfE is a little ambiguous in this area as most of our clubs are run as extra curricular clubs rather than as paid for 'wraparound care'. We have asked for clarification on this regarding whether our clubs count as 'out of school activities' which are restricted or whether they are allowable as part of our regular school offer. For now, please assume clubs are able to continue as usual and we will let you know if this is not the case early next week.

As Breakfast club is our only mixed bubble indoor group, please can we ask that it is only used where it is essential. For example, if you need to get to work away from your own home on a particular day. Assuming that we do continue clubs in the coming weeks, there may be some occasions where a club needs to be cancelled due to staff shortages or the need for additional whole staff team meetings but we are planning to do our very best to keep it 'business as usual'.

If you have any questions please do give us a call.

Kind regards

Vicky Barron and the staff team



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