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Dear Parents/Carers,

We want to be clear why we are asking parents to wear a face covering when approaching the school gate for drop off and when coming on to the school site both for pick up or when speaking to the admin team. The Government guidelines are clear that if 2m social distance cannot be guaranteed, a face covering should be worn. It is clear at the start and end of the day that 2m distance cannot be guaranteed, hence our request for you to wear face coverings.

Please ensure that your face covering remains correctly positioned, covering both your nose and mouth for the entire time you are on site or at the gate. Please also remember that we are asking for only one parent to come to school to help us reduce the number of people and the associated level of risk.

For those parents that genuinely forget to bring their mask, we will have a small amount of disposable masks available at the gate but we do not know if this can be sustained, due to issues of demand.

We are aware that some parents may be exempt from wearing a face covering and our requirement for these parents is that we will need proof if this is the case as we've been made aware that some people have not been truthful. Please either carry your Health Certificate or wear an exemption lanyard to avoid staff asking you to put a face covering on.

Lanyards are available from a doctor or various supermarkets and would be both helpful to you and reassuring to others.

As you may be aware we have already had to close a bubble at Katesgrove due to one confirmed case of Covid19. As a Federation we are doing everything in our power to keep the children and our community safe. Government guidelines change daily and parents need to be aware that our requirements may also change.

Over the last week we have had several incidents where parents have been rude, intimidating and aggressive towards staff who have asked about face coverings. This behaviour will no longer be tolerated. Anyone who is perceived to be rude, intimidating or aggressive to staff will receive a letter from our legal team that could result in being banned from the school site.

We understand that this is a very anxious time for all and there are strong and diverse views about much of the Government guidance. Despite this, we must all model appropriate behaviours and show respect and consideration for other points of view.

We would like to thank the vast majority of parents who have supported us through this unprecedented and challenging time. We will get there together despite it sometimes being a rocky road.

To leave on a positive note, the children are very happy and settled in school and it is a complete delight to have them back.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely



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