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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I am writing as there has been new guidance today and also I want to reassure you all following my last letter.

Firstly, I would like to talk about the **temperature of classrooms**. We have two conflicting sets of health and safety guidance (the need for classrooms to be well ventilated and the minimum temperature of classrooms). I think we are now getting the balance right – classroom doors are being kept closed after drop-off time, thermostats are high and the classrooms are warmer than at the start of this week. The classrooms are colder at the start of the school day but they soon warm up and I am personally monitoring them throughout the day. It continues to be essential to dress warmly and I would still recommend children wearing layers and to wear vests, thermals, base layers etc. This is a common issue for all schools at the moment but do talk to me if you have future or ongoing concerns.

**Symptoms:** the four official symptoms remain a temperature above 37.8c, a new and continuous cough and a loss of taste and or smell. We really do want and expect all children to attend school unless they are ill. This means that children with, for example, a mild cold are very welcome in school. We will continue to be cautious as a staff and if anyone exhibits any symptoms we will send them home promptly and follow our procedures as laid out in our risk assessment.

**New guidance:** it re-introduces some shielding which may impact levels of staffing but we will be able to keep each class open, so please don't worry. Also, it categorically states that primary aged children should not wear facemasks in schools and that teaching staff should not wear them in class but can in corridors etc. This means that we are fully compliant with the new guidance and there are no plans to move from this position.

I must add that school continues to be amazing – your children are a credit to you. We continue to have fun and stimulating whole-school focuses, such as Black History Month, each class studied a different black mathematician or scientist and Harvest this week, looking at food miles and focusing on the countries that we studied in September. I look forward to putting together a newsletter next week showcasing some of the great learning that has been happening in school.

Thank you for your continued support in these stressful times. Please do let us know if we can help in any way. Please do contact me if you have any worries or concerns about school.

With best wishes,  
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