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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be very aware, we have now entered our second national lock down and, whilst we will continue to function as normally as we can, there will be inevitable updates and changes to how we do things.

During the last lock down, your support was invaluable as we navigated our way through the most unprecedented of times. It seems we are about to do this again and so I must once again ask for your support (and patience) as we send out any new updates we get from the Government. The one on this letter arrived late yesterday afternoon!

Hopefully you have been made aware of our newest change from either following our social media platforms, or from watching the news. As of today, all students and staff will have to wear face masks when not in classrooms. Obviously, anyone who is exempt from wearing a face mask will continue to be exempt. This means that students and staff will need to have masks on from the moment they enter the site until they get to their classroom/office. They will need to be worn when moving between lessons, at break and lunch (although not when sat eating their lunch) and on all forms of school and public transport.

We have also sadly had to temporarily pause our after school clubs. As you will guess, we are gutted about this because we really believe in the power of these clubs to help enrich our lives. They will return, so please do not despair!

Can I ask that you sit and discuss these changes with your daughter/son as they will impact on the school day. Can I also ask that if you have not already done so, have a good talk about the implications of the new lock down on the social activities of your daughter/son. We have talked about this, but I would hate to hear that any of our school community have not listened to advice.

I will resume our weekly updates as we go through lock down, so I thank you in advance for reading them. It might be that some things get posted on Facebook if they are announced later in the day, so please follow us if you can. Apologies if you cannot follow us, but I hope you can understand that I need to get some things out ASAP.

As before, stay safe and stay positive. We have got this and we will come through this together because we are Dene Magna and we are a family.

Yours sincerely

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