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Letter to Parents – National Lockdown – Thursday 5th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Following the Government announcement for a further national lockdown to begin on Thursday 5th November it is important to remember **Tile Cross Academy will remain open to all students during this time**. Students are encouraged to attend school as normal during the lockdown period to ensure their education continues in the normal way.

We are constantly reviewing our school health and safety procedures and whilst we are doing everything we can to make our school safe for everyone, there are still further precautions that we can take to reduce the risk of the spread of infection.

From Thursday 5th November, we would request that all visitors who come onto the school site to wear face masks/coverings. This includes any parents/carers dropping off children or collecting children from school. Social distancing must be adhered to at all times while on the school site and this includes anyone waiting to collect their child or waiting to drop their children off in the mornings.

Visitors will only be allowed into school if attending a necessary pre-arranged appointment or conducting necessary grounds and maintenance checks. All visitors in school will have to sign a COVID-19 agreement and be required to wear a face covering. If these health and safety precautions are not adhered to then we will refuse entry into the school building.

Face to face meetings with parents will only be held if absolute necessary and if other means of communication are not accessible, such as telephone conversations or meetings on Microsoft Teams.

A copy of our updated Risk assessment will soon be available on our website at <http://tilecross.academy/>

I know that this second lockdown is not ideal for everyone and will cause much anxiety for some families, but at least this time schools can remain open. We will continue to do all that we can to keep everyone safe by following these rigid health and safety procedures, and in doing so, keep our school open for as long as we are able to.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank all of our families for supporting all of the procedures we have in place, and also the children who are being so resilient and the staff, who are working above and beyond to provide the best education they can for all of the children in these continuing challenging circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

P Marano - Headteacher