

Good afternoon everyone

I am emailing this as we embark on another national lockdown which I am sure we all hope will have a positive impact. Isn't it strange how the sun seems to start shining once a lockdown is declared? I'm sure you will agree that the better weather is very welcome.

I have been chatting to a few parents before school about the question of whether we should be asking you to wear masks on the school grounds - I know the Junior school have asked that this happens. Speaking to my Headteacher colleagues the picture is very varied in schools, as is the research about the difference that this makes. However, in order to make it easier for those of you who have to drop off at both schools, as well as reassuring those of you who may be feeling anxious, we are asking that, from tomorrow, you wear a mask on the school site.

Wearing a mask outside is not statutory and we cannot therefore insist that you do this, just recommend it, although I hope you understand that this is being done for the best reasons.

The children are aware of the lockdown and it was lovely to hear them also say 'but we get to come to school this time!' I am very glad that they feel this way and I would like to reassure you that we will aim to make school a safe and welcoming place for them during this difficult time.

As always, I am happy to talk to any of you if you have any questions or concerns. I will be on the playground again tomorrow - complete with my mask.

Best wishes

Jacky