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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Additional Safety Measures

We hope that you were able to enjoy a restful half-term break last week. Today we have enjoyed welcoming back our pupils to school for Term 2 of the academic year: it was lovely to see so many smiling faces on the school gate this morning.

We write to you today following the Prime Minister's announcement on Saturday 31st October that, with the prevalence of the Coronavirus increasing across the country, the country is now subject to a new Lockdown. What distinguishes this new Lockdown, beginning this Thursday 5th November, from that which we experienced in March, April and May is that **Hamsey Community Primary School, like all other schools across the country, will remain open, as normal, for all pupils.**

In this letter, we outline some new, additional measures that we will implement across all our Skylark Federation Schools to help keep our children, staff and families safe during this nationwide lockdown. Indeed, as a school, we are determined to take all possible measures to help prevent the potential transmission of the virus and keep our school safely open. We thank you for adhering to these measures: you all play a vital role in ensuring our school can remain open.

To that end, we would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we will continue to apply all measures already in place (including staggered drop-offs and pick-ups, additional hand-washing throughout the day, ensuring good ventilation throughout our school and keeping our class and Key Stage bubbles apart). This means, too, that we will continue to ask pupils to come to school wearing their PE kit on their class PE day in order to avoid any unnecessary touching of others' belongings and clothing.

In light of the increased prevalence of the virus nationwide, we have revisited and revised our Federation risk assessment and we can now inform you of some additional measures we will implement this term:

- Staff on the school gate at the beginning and end of the school day will now wear a face covering;
- We recommend that parents and carers, when dropping-off and collecting their children at the school gate, also wear face coverings.

In addition to these new measures, we ask that you continue to:

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- Drop-off/pick-up your child at the time specified for their bubble;
- Wear a mask if entering the school site and visiting the school office vestibule;
- Prioritise scheduling a telephone/Zoom meeting with your child's teacher to help reduce face-to-face conversations at the school gate;
- Send children to school wearing warm clothing as we are keeping classrooms well-ventilated throughout the day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes,

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