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Dear Parents,

I want to say a big thank you for your wonderful co-operation and encouraging words regarding the measures we have put in place, especially the requirement to wear a face covering whilst on the school site.

The response by the overwhelming majority has been great and has helped to make school safer for us all. Given the many challenges we face in school currently, your support and co-operation is invaluable.

I know that the picture currently is worrying for everyone and school staff are no exception. However, we want to do everything we can to keep school as normal as possible for our children and to ensure each and every one of them receives the academic and pastoral guidance they need.

There are no measures that would make attending school, or indeed, anywhere else, risk free, especially now. However, we can collectively greatly reduce those risks if we all behave responsibly and with the health and wellbeing of others at the forefront of our minds.

A sense of the 'common good' has never been more urgently needed - we stand or fall by each other's actions.

It is particularly important that children from different households are not mixing out of school. We have situations where an individual has had symptoms and/or tested positive, with huge implications for everyone in their class, pupils and staff, school-wide.

It goes without saying that children should only be collected from or taken to school by adults from their own household, unless childcare arrangements are in place.

I also need to ask that if your child has any one of the three key symptoms, a new continuous cough, a fever (37.8C or above) or a loss or change in, normal sense of taste or smell, please do not send them to school but contact us by telephone or email to let us know - admin.allsaints@schools.sefton.gov.uk The quick reference guide on our website should guide you on what to do, if in doubt.

In order to limit the numbers of adults on site, please remember it is one adult per child/family. Social distancing should be adhered to at all times. Under no circumstances should adults enter the winter garden/cloakroom areas to speak to teaching staff. Siblings who attend other schools should wait outside the site.

As we increasingly try to communicate electronically, please ensure your mobile number and email address are up to date. Should your child become unwell, it is of course essential that we can make contact with you at all times. The school website is regularly updated - so please do check this **before** calling school.

The school's risk assessment is thorough and dynamic – we are constantly reviewing how things are running, what the guidance is saying and updating or adjusting things accordingly. I cannot pretend to have all the answers and I welcome your observations and suggestions.

Many of you have rightly raised concerns over traffic, as more children are coming by car. This is something I anticipated and sought support with last summer. Further support is promised from the Road Safety Team and I will be in touch with you about this issue in the coming weeks to gather your views and suggestions.

In the meantime, we will continue to do everything we can to keep school running as normal for as long as we can.

There is a lovely quote from Pope Francis which I think is particularly apt in school right now:

*"Let education be a place of encounter and communal endeavour where we learn to be society and where society learns to be a supportive society.
We have to learn new ways to build the human city"*

With best wishes to you and your family.

Angela Holleran
Headteacher