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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all enjoyed the half term break. It is lovely to see all the pupils back in school, many of whom are continuing to work hard, make progress and demonstrate our core values of kindness, commitment and resilience.

With the recent announcement on Saturday by the Prime Minister, of a second National Lockdown from Thursday, we have been re-assessing our Covid measures to keep everyone at The Rowans safe. Therefore, from Thursday, we will continue with current measures and in addition:

- There will be no visitors to school
- If parents wish to speak to staff, they should, initially make contact via telephone
- All pupils should have a face mask with them, for use on school vehicles. Should they choose to wear a mask in school, this is permitted.
- Due to closure of leisure centres, PE lessons will be based either on site or at outdoor locations.
- Pupils will be expected to wash their hands on arrival to school and sanitise in each lesson.
- Pupils will be reminded about the importance of social distancing and encouraged to remain socially distanced from each other and from staff too.

“Clean hands, safe space”

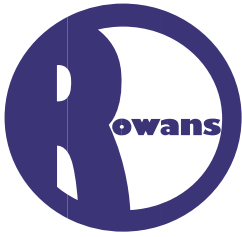
Throughout this period of National lockdown, The Rowans remains **FULLY OPEN** and I can reassure that we are taking this responsibility extremely seriously.

Please remember that you must not send your child to school if they are unwell or displaying any of the following symptoms of Covid-19:

- New continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell.

Any pupil with these symptoms, should remain at home and be tested. In addition, members of the household should also self-isolate, as per current guidance.





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In line with the new National lockdown guidance, pupils should be returning straight home from school, they should NOT be socialising with friends. The police have been given additional powers to proactively disperse groups of young people not adhering to the lockdown guidelines.

Thank you to parents and carers who have been incredibly supportive of the school during this difficult time. Covid-19 poses a very real risk and therefore it is crucial that we continue to work together to protect ourselves, each other, our families and our school community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F May'.

Mrs F May
Headteacher