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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you that our school will be open tomorrow morning as expected. We will continue to follow the same safety guidelines as we did in the Autumn Term, ie. staggered entry times at designated entrances, classrooms keeping in bubbles etc but please note the following new safety measures we are introducing:

- Please can all adults wear masks whilst on our school site – this includes all areas from the staff car park/rear of the Griffin pub to the lower barrier beside the school office. We ask you to continue to wear a mask when queuing to drop off or pick up your child or if you want access to the school to speak to someone in the school office (although we would prefer communication by email or phone if at all possible please)
- All staff will wear masks when they move around school but not when they are in their classroom bubbles (unless they choose to) or when they are outside supervising playtimes etc.
- Child's Play Clubs UK have temporarily suspended their after school provision and will review this on a weekly basis. We will let you know when the provision is going to be resumed.
- We have temporarily suspended our Before School club and will review this on a weekly basis and again will let you know when the provision is going to be resumed.

These decisions have been made to further protect our whole school community, reduce as much as possible children cross bubbling (particularly before and after school) and reinforce our current safety measures as we have now unfortunately crossed into Tier 4.

If the school does have to close because of another national lockdown, it would help us to have an idea of how many of our children would still be entitled to come to school as they are either vulnerable children or children of Keyworkers. Please can you notify me by return email if your child would qualify for this including the reason for their qualification, ie. the nature of your work if you are a Keyworker? I will then compile a list for Teachers.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – Vallis First School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

Finally, should we have to turn to remote learning because of either a national lockdown or class bubble isolation, please could you ensure that you have signed your child up for Google classrooms. I will re-email the joining instructions letter to you all shortly.

Thank you for supporting the school in its efforts to keep everyone safe.

Best wishes

Yours Faithfully,

Nick Firkins
Headteacher

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