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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the summer term! We hope you had a good Easter break and managed to enjoy your time over the holidays. We are writing to you because with the holidays ending, so are certain 'lockdown measures'.

The good news is that, at the time of writing this, we are experiencing here in Leicestershire our lowest covid-19 infection rates since last summer.

However, with certain things starting to reopen this week including non-essential shops, libraries, gyms, hairdressers and outdoor hospitality, we are asking everyone to 'stay cautious' and not drop our guard now.

There are simple things we can all continue to do to help stop the spread and keep infection rates down.

**These include:**

- Wearing face coverings while on school grounds when picking up and dropping off children. We've reviewed this guidance and agreed it is sensible to continue with this.
- Continuing to maintain social distancing at the school gates and in playgrounds.
- Ensuring you are following arrangements your school has in place to keep the number of people coming in and out of school to a minimum. These may include staggered start and finish times, one-way systems. If you are unsure what these are please check your school's website or contact them directly.
- Reminding children to wash their hands throughout the day while at school, as well as at home. This simple measure reduces the risk of catching or passing on the virus.
- Please remember that if you have been in close contact with someone with a positive case of coronavirus, or if anyone in your house is covid-19 positive, then you need to self-isolate in your home. [More on this is here](#)

Parents of school children are also reminded they are eligible for regular lateral flow testing. Information on how to access these tests can be found on the [NHS website](#)

Further information about coronavirus and schools can be found on our website [here](#). This includes information about covid-19 symptoms and when to isolate.

The latest [government guidance](#) for parents is also available.

We'd just like to say thank you for your ongoing support and helping us stop the spread of covid-19 in Leicestershire.

Kind regards



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