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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new half term at Thornhill Primary School.

Following the latest government announcement regarding a National Lockdown and due to the rise in the number of COVID infections nationally, the school has reviewed it's risk assessment and procedures for keeping children and staff safe while in school. The following change will take effect from **Monday 9th November 2020**.

- **School will be closed from 1.15pm on Fridays until the end of the National Lockdown.** This means that children will need to be picked up at 1.15pm every Friday.

The reasons for this change are outlined below:

- All children's class teachers and teaching assistants will remain the same for the whole week unless they are ill. This will reduce the risk of infection within each bubble and reduce the risk of bubbles having to isolate at home for two weeks.
- School staff will have their required *Planning, Preparation and Assessment* time to prepare for the next week on a Friday afternoon while children are not in school. This means that classes will not need to be covered by other teachers during the week, further reducing the risk of cross contamination across bubbles in the school.
- A full deep clean, using chemicals that are sufficient to kill all traces of COVID-19 will be used on a Friday afternoon. Because these chemicals are quite strong, they need time to settle over the weekend before the children return on a Monday morning.

We are really grateful for the support and cooperation that all parents have shown during this difficult time for us all as we aim to ensure the safety of all of the children in the school. Rest assured, we will aim to make school feel as familiar and friendly as it always has. Currently, we are keeping all other routines in places including:

- Drop-off and collection procedures
- Provision of hot school lunches
- Children's learning activities
- Prioritising the wellbeing of all members of the school community
- Enhanced daily cleaning procedures throughout the day

If you are a Key Worker and require any further advice, please contact the school via email or telephone as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thornhill's Leadership Team

