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Dear Parents,

NEWSLETTER AND CORONA VIRUS UPDATE 24

As Tier 3 local lockdown measures take effect in the Liverpool City Region, we continue to maintain our new routines and applaud you for your response in dropping off and collecting the children swiftly. We are reminding everybody that face masks are obligatory for everybody if you come on to the school site. If you believe that you are exempt from wearing one you will need to wait at the gate and your child will be brought to you. We say this for the benefit of everyone.

Whenever routines change new habits develop, this is human nature but I had learnt from some parents that children were causing a nuisance with knock and run at a house on Sweden Grove and that some younger children were running around the cars in the church car park.

Staffing is a real issue for many schools and sometimes when a bubble is closed it can impact on as many as three or more staff, not just the class teacher. As you will be aware, when their family/ household members have positive test results self-isolation for school staff becomes obligatory

Children who test positive during a period of absence may not affect a class closure as they have been absent in the infectious period which is 48 hours prior to a positive result.

May we remind you to sign up to the school's cashless system. Certain year groups have responded very well. Also please remember the Catholic Education school levy for Liverpool Archdiocese £10 paid through Sims Pay. Thank you.

Can you help us? **The Great Reading Book Amnesty** When school closed on 23rd March quite suddenly, things such as some reading books home reading books got mislaid or lost in the mists of time. If we could ask you to have a good look at home for any school reading books and return them to a box in the school's foyer, this would be greatly appreciated.

PTA ON FACEBOOK Check the PTA Facebook page to keep up to date with all their communications.

School Finishes Thursday 22nd October for Half Term holiday and reopens on **Monday 2nd November** .Our thoughts are with you all as we face the next round of challenges over the coming weeks. Rest assured school continues to work towards our progress recovery goals

Yours sincerely

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