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Social Distancing

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your support to date has been amazing – thank you. The vast majority of parents are following our school protocols and the government's for social distancing. That said, it is imperative that every adult maintains social distancing from other families/parents when walking to school, waiting outside the school gates and whilst on school premises.

The rate of infection in the North East is rising rapidly with Newcastle increasing the alert level to Amber. I would anticipate that it is highly likely that local decisions will be in place very soon.

Adult to adult infection rates are high; if some parents choose to not socially distance we are at far greater risk of bringing the COVID 19 virus directly into the school community.

The impact of this will inevitably result in the closure of classes, year groups or the whole school.

The impact on this could have serious consequences for those in our community who are extremely vulnerable through health and those who rely on older family members for childcare.

It is everyone's responsibility to not put yourself or others at risk.

Our next steps will be to amend the start and end times to the school day considerably in order to reduce the number of adults on the yard and request that masks are worn once inside the school gates.

Thank you for your continued co-operation in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

All at Archibald

Having fun, achieving excellence.

Successful learners. Confident individuals. Responsible citizens.