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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, although cases in Stockton remain stable, overall, the proportion of infections in the secondary school age range is still very high and rates of Covid 19 are on the increase. Due to this, we have been advised by the Directors of Public Health to respond to this by recommending voluntary additional measures in school that will support the reduction of transmission of the virus. We have carefully considered the measures that will minimise disruption to the day to day running of our school.

Starting with immediate effect, please can we advise the following:

- Face coverings to be worn in communal areas of school by pupils, staff and visitors.
- Parents/Carers refraining from visiting school where possible.

With this in mind, we may have to adapt some of our annual Advent celebrations. As always, we will try to make the festive period as special as we can for our pupils, however we must ensure that this is done in a safe way.

It has come to our attention that TikTok accounts have been created using the school name. Videos have also been uploaded containing images of our school staff.

We are speaking to the pupils about the dangers of social media and the legal implications for them if they were to post about other people.

Please can we ask you to be vigilant and speak to your children about not posting such material online.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Wilkinson
Headteacher

