

21st October 2021

Dear Parents,

If you were listening to the national news this morning you may have heard Stuart Keeble, the Director of Public Health and Protection for Suffolk speaking about the new restrictions he has found necessary to put in place due to the dramatic rise in cases of COVID -19 in Suffolk. Currently cases in Suffolk are twice the national average. Unfortunately, it is school children (under 19) and in particular those children in the 10-14 age group that account for 51% of these cases.

You will soon receive a letter from the local authority that explains what measures are to be put in place by schools to reduce the rate of transmission.

Great Waldingfield like all other schools in the area will be affected by these new restrictions from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

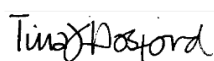
- Schools will restrict entry to their site to essential visitors only
  - No inside clubs led by visitors. Gym club will not start after half-term. Although Maxim Sports clubs with Ian that are outside will continue (weather permitting).
  - Open the Book will be unable to lead worship
  - Rev Faith's weekly worship will now be virtual
- Staff will be wearing masks in communal areas of the building
  - Staff will be wearing masks when they greet children in the morning.
- Any essential visitors to site to wear a face covering (unless exempt)
  - This includes adults dropping off and collecting children in the playground.
  - Please make sure you are wearing a face covering to drop-off and pick-up at your child's classroom door.

These restrictions are in addition to the measures introduced for schools on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

The staff at Great Waldingfield are so disappointed these restrictions will affect the children. However, it is vitally important we work together to reduce the risk of transmission so that schools remain open. Thank you for your continuing support.

Have a safe and relaxing half-term.

Yours faithfully



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