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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a good half term last week and that your children enjoyed the break.

As you all know we have entered in to another national lockdown today, but we will be remaining open during this time, unless the government guidance changes.

We will of course continue with all of our safety processes at Owlets including our enhanced hygiene measures and will remain in our Owlets bubble. I would just like to remind you that during the continued coronavirus pandemic, we absolutely **must** put the health and safety of the children and staff first. It is very important that if your child or anyone in your household has had any of the following symptoms of COVID-19: -

- **A new continuous cough**
- **A high temperature**
- **A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)**

and if your child is **unwell in any way** we ask that you keep them at home until they are fully recovered. This is for the protection of all of the children attending the setting, but also there are vulnerable staff members that will be looking after your children and some that have vulnerable family members, so we need to ensure not only the staff and children are kept safe. If your child becomes unwell in any way whilst at Owlets, we will require you to collect them **immediately**.

To maximise social distancing, we continue to have staggered start and finish times and it is now all the more important that you wait in the car park outside the building at a 2 metre distance from one another, we will ask you to bring your child to the gate individually, then to leave via the other side of the car park. We will no longer allow any parents to come up to the door, we will open the door for parents at the three drop-off and collection times. We will again ask that only 1 adult brings and collects their child and we strongly encourage parents to observe social distancing at the school gate for your own safety. We will also require you to arrive and collect your child **promptly**.

To keep the staff as safe as possible we will only provide personal care when necessary. If your child is still in nappies, we ask that they arrive with a fresh nappy on, as we will not routinely change them, unless they are at Owlets all day, although we will of course change them if they require it.

We ask all of this to try and keep us all as safe as possible and thank you for your continued co-operation.

Best wishes

Alison Peasey  
Owlets Manager