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Dear Headteachers,

I would like to make you aware that we are currently experiencing exceptionally high Coronavirus infection rates in Buntingford.

HCC Public Health are aware of the issue and are working hard to examine track & trace data and take the necessary action.

It is important that we remain vigilant and continue to adhere to the Government guidelines to bring the infection rate down.

Together with Herts Police we have received reports of a lack of social distancing and complacency around face coverings at school drop off and pick up times and have issued the following statement: "We all have a responsibility to take steps in helping reduce the spread of coronavirus. With this in mind, all families are required (unless exempt) to adhere to the following points to ensure a safe arrival and departure at school for all involved:

- Only one parent or guardian should drop off and pick up their child/children to reduce numbers outside school
- Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household
- Make good use of all available entry and exit points to the school site to avoid bottleneck
- Refrain from lengthy face-to-face conversation with staff or other families; use digital communication methods during lockdown
- Go straight home after dropping and/or collecting your child/children
- Consider wearing a face covering during pick up and drop off

Thank you for your support and understanding – together we will slow the spread of COVID-19 and save more lives".

I would appreciate if you could share this message with parents/guardians at your school.

Stay safe

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