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Dear Parent/Carers,

As you know the country went into another lockdown on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November and the government have therefore provided further guidance regarding informal childcare arrangements and support bubbles.

Households can form an informal childcare bubble as per the guidance from the government which says:

A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to a child or children aged 13 or under. They can provide the childcare in either or both of the homes from the 2 households. 'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered.

All adults in both households must agree to this arrangement.

The childcare can be provided where necessary in any location – public or private, indoors or outdoors.

From Thursday 5 November, if you start a childcare bubble with another household, you cannot change it to a different household.

The government have also said that certain families can also form support bubbles (these are different to the informal childcare bubbles). The guidance says that you can do this if:

### **If you're in a single-adult household**

You can form a support bubble with another household of any size that is not part of a support bubble with anyone else if you:

- live by yourself or even if carers visit you to provide support
- are a single adult living with children who were under 18 on 12 June 2020

### **If you live with other adults, including if your carer or carers live with you**

You can form a support bubble with one single-adult household who are not part of a support bubble with anyone else.

### **If you share custody of your child with someone you do not live with**

If you're a single-adult household, you can form a support bubble with another household other than the one that includes your child's other parent.

If you're not a single adult household, you can form a support bubble with a single-adult household other than the one that includes your child's other parent.

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*Therefore, if you have an informal childcare arrangement with another household or you have formed a support bubble and you would like them to be able to collect your child, please could you complete and return the slip below so we know who your child can go home with. The forms can be returned in paper form to your child's class teacher or emailed to the school office [office@nsnacademy.com](mailto:office@nsnacademy.com). Please note that you can only form one informal childcare bubble and/or one support bubble.*

*Please note that any arrangements where you are paying for registered childcare e.g. a childminder can continue as normal.*

*Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping the children, staff and community safe.*

*Yours sincerely*

*J Catchpole*

Mrs J Catchpole  
Deputy Headteacher

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Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Informal childcare arrangement with: \_\_\_\_\_

Support bubble with: \_\_\_\_\_

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