



2nd November 2020

Dear Parents,

Over the weekend The Prime Minister announced a further lockdown until the 2nd December. This may have left some of you with questions and I wanted to update you on the position for schools.

In his announcement the Prime Minister stated that all schools remain open; we remain open and we remain open for all pupils. The government also expects that pupils continue to attend as normal, this is slightly different from the previous lockdown where school was only open to designated groups. We ask that parents continue to send their children to school as normal.

Throughout this pandemic, the safety of our pupils and staff has been paramount and we have always implemented government guidance into our risk assessments. Currently there is no new guidance for schools as a result of the lockdown announcement. If this changes we will write to you and inform you of the new measures.

Until then, we have the designated bubbles of children who do not mix in school, they have designated playground areas and lunch time arrangements which also ensure that they do not mix. Because of the bubble system, once in those bubbles the children are not required to be 2 meters apart. This has always been the case and in recognition that this is difficult for younger children. However, we have put additional measures to minimise contact including seating plans, distance where possible alongside strong hygiene measures.

We have very well ventilated classrooms and it is a requirement that we have good airflow running through the classrooms. This is going to present a challenge now that the weather is getting colder and it is a challenge where there is no solution other than for children to wear additional layers which can be easily added or removed. Please can we ask you to consider this when children are dressing for school. The classrooms are most definitely cooler.

We understand that this can be a worrying time for parents and we will continue to keep you updated with any new guidance or measures to reassure you that we are taking every step possible to minimise risk.

We wanted to thank you for supporting our safety measures by wearing a face covering. We continue to ask that you minimise any face to face contact with the teachers and please do email in any questions or messages. We also ask that you continue to remain 2m apart from other parents when you are dropping off. We know it can slow things down but your compassion and care for all members of the school family is much appreciated.



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Please be assured that we will notify you of any changes to our arrangements or safety measures. Until then, thank you for continuing to support us being able to get children into and out of school safely.

Best wishes,

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Head of Academy