



1 November 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Staff

**RE: National Lockdown Update**

I am writing to update you about our position following the Prime Minister's announcement last night of a 4-week national lockdown starting on Thursday this week and continuing until 2 December.

As you will have heard, the government is clear that schools and universities should stay open through this period. They state: *'The Government will continue to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our young people and will not be closing schools, colleges or universities. It remains very important for children and young people to attend, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians. Senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be, and so they should continue to go to school.'*

All our schools will stay open and we will continue following the risk mitigation strategies and approaches that we have had in place in Term 1. Unless exempt, adults and children over 12 should wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting children from school. As before, children and adults do not need to wear a face covering whilst transitioning around school or in classrooms, but may do so if they would like.

The government have not changed their guidance for how schools should operate during the lockdown, but if they do we will update you and let you know if we need to adapt our strategy or approach.

Each school will review its child-care provision and clubs in light of this announcement and will communicate with you directly regarding which can continue and which will need to cease for this period.

The government's national restrictions (5 Nov – 2 Dec) are summarised below:

- You must stay at home
- Only leave home for food, medical reasons, exercise, education or work
- You must work from home if you can
- Avoid travel unless essential
- Schools and essential shops will remain open
- Remember: wash hands, cover face, make space

For more information about the restrictions please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

In the event of a class bubble needing to close, or a child having to self-isolate, learning materials will be available through our online platforms. Each school will communicate their approach to remote and blended learning in the next couple of weeks.

If you have any questions please contact your child's school via email, or call the office from Tuesday 3 November. We will continue to keep you informed as we hear more information.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we work together to manage this evolving situation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Passmore', written in a cursive style.

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