

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid19 Lockdown Update

We have now entered lockdown and the guidance to schools has been revised. The guidance I receive from the Government is updated daily and if anything changes, I will notify you.

I will keep this letter short and state the main points:

1. We will remain fully open unless there is a Covid19 outbreak at which point the necessary isolation protocol will be followed or staffing levels force us to go to a rota system. If either are likely you will be notified as soon as possible. Our aim is to keep the school open for as many children as possible.
2. Students who are classed as **Extremely Clinically Vulnerable** are expected to isolate at home during this period of lockdown. We will provide work for them. You will know if you fall into this category as the NHS will make contact with you. If you are unsure, please consult your GP.
3. Some of the staff fall into the **Extremely Clinically Vulnerable** category and will have to work from home. They will continue to deliver lessons online, unless they are unwell.
4. Students will remain in bubbles and be taught in zones with staggered breaks. Students who deliberately break bubbles will face severe punishment as this puts us all at risk.
5. Masks must be worn in all communal spaces within the school. They can be worn in class if the children wish to do so. Please ensure your child comes to school with a clean mask each day.
6. Some students and staff are exempt from wearing a mask. If possible, I am asking if these students could wear a clear face visor (we can provide these just ask). I appreciate in some circumstances this will not be possible.
7. Visitors including parents and carers are not to access the school site without wearing a face covering and must not enter the school building. If you have to drop off or collect your child, please aim to do so at one of the three main school entrances.
8. I would request that as far as possible parents refrain from driving onto the school site, but if you do you must not enter the staff parking area and you must always stay in your vehicle.
9. As children are not allowed to mix outside of school we would ask that you ensure your children come straight home and that the national lockdown regulations are followed.

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Online (remote) learning

If your son or daughter has to isolate due to Covid19, they should now be able to access their learning remotely. The work provided by teachers on Zoom (an overview is on the academy website) is also supplemented by the Oak National Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/> On this website you will find hundreds of lessons that follow the National curriculum and ensure your child does not fall behind.

We are also using a new Maths programme called Hegarty Maths and students are being logged onto this now.

I hope that if we can all follow the guidance, we will be out of lockdown soon. If you need any further information, please contact your child's Tutor or Head of Year.

Yours faithfully



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