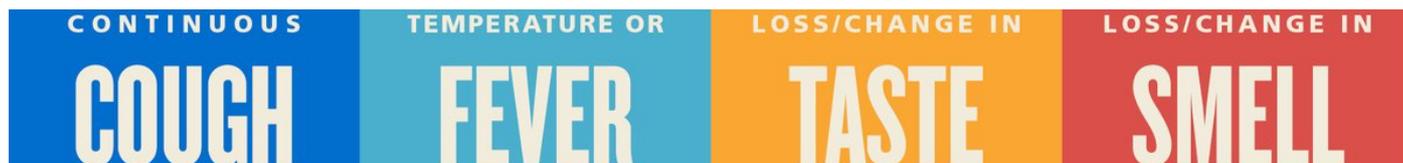


7th December 2020

Dear Parents

I hope that this letter finds you and those around you well. We have really appreciated your support throughout this term which has continued to bring challenges for our community and us all individually. As we approach the Christmas break, I am writing to you to remind you about the measures we have in place and the role you must play in supporting us to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible at this time.

It is absolutely essential that if pupils, or anyone they live with, develops any one of the following symptoms they do not attend school and self-isolate in accordance with the Government's guidance.



If any of the above occurs, your child must be tested as soon as possible. It is vital that you inform us that they have symptoms and the outcome of the test they have. In addition:

- In line with Public Health guidance, to prevent the transmission of Coronavirus, if your child is unwell (e.g. sore throat, or feeling really unwell, or muscle aches and pains), please keep them off school until they are feeling better. If they continue to be unwell and then develop a high temperature, loss or change in taste or smell or a new or worsening cough, then please self-isolate and get a Coronavirus test.
- **Your child must not attend school if they or someone in your household is awaiting a test result.**
- If someone in your household has a positive test, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, we will inform you if your child needs to self-isolate. They do not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.

It is vital that your child plays their part in keeping their peers and our staff safe by following government guidance and rules. Currently as we are in a tier 3 area these measures are also part of law, and just like when you visit a shop, we need your child to do the following whenever on our sites:



Wash their hands regularly for 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer. Always wear a face covering (unless exempt) in communal areas or where social distancing is not possible. Socially distance and stay at least 2 meters away from our staff and pupils who are not in their bubble.

In the event of any positive case that requires bubbles or individuals to self-isolate, we will continue to inform you as required by Public Health. We know that having to self-isolate is hard for all involved especially as we move into the holidays, however it is a requirement for all close contacts of a positive case, and the more everyone adheres to these measures the less likely it will be that we will need to close a bubble. We evaluate each case and situation and make decisions for the safety of pupils and staff in line with Government guidance.

As we continue to navigate these difficult and unsettling times, we are grateful for your support.

Kind regards and best wishes for the festive season,



Marion Plant OBE, Chief Executive Officer

