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Update to parents and carers re: Advice to All Parents – Coronavirus November Lockdown

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good health.

I am sure you have been keeping up with the media and are aware that there will be a second lockdown imposed on the UK from Thursday 5th November. You can access information about the new national restrictions here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november> .

Currently, schools are allowed to continue operating as they have been up until now. This means that the school remains open and your child should continue to attend if they remain well. Only students who are away from school for reasons related to Covid-19 (i.e. self-isolating, symptomatic or positive case of Covid-19) must receive school work to do remotely. This could be in the form of printed materials, online tasks or live lessons. Existing attendance legislation remains in place for all other students and this rule is not applicable to students who are away from school for any other reason.

I would like to thank you for your support to date and we look forward to seeing your children attending school every day provided they are healthy and well.

You will also be aware that like many schools across the country, we have had confirmation of single cases of coronavirus. I would like to reassure you that when this happens, the school has clear procedures in place to immediately begin to conduct an internal track and trace as well as following guidelines we are given once we are in contact with the DFE or Public Health England.

Part of our procedure is to contact the parents / carers of any identified close contacts and to provide adequate information and reassurance as soon as we are able to do so. Please note that when there is a positive case, this will not automatically lead to an entire year group bubble being sent home to self-isolate. We will always follow the guidance we are given following communication with the DFE or PHE.

If you are made aware of a positive case but are not contacted, please note that this means your child is not part of the identified close contacts. You do not need to contact the school. Please note that we are unable to disclose the details or identity of any affected persons in the interests of safeguarding and to maintain the dignity of individuals.

We ask that all our parents keep themselves up-to-date with the DFE guidance written specifically for parents which can be found here: [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term.](#)

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely



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