



**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**RE: COVID-19 Update**

Dear parents,

Following the government's announcement that there will be a further national lockdown from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, all schools been re-issued updated guidance as a result of this.

**Shielding - Clinically Vulnerable & Extremely Clinically Vulnerable staff & pupils**

The new guidance reinstates the requirement to shield for any members of staff or pupils who were previously categorised as 'clinically vulnerable' or 'extremely clinically vulnerable' during the initial lockdown in March 2020. A list of the conditions these refer to can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

Should your child have any of the conditions listed in this guidance, they are not to attend school during the current lockdown due to the potential risk to themselves, should they contract COVID-19.

**Maintaining a safe school environment**

Due to the shielding guidance above provided by the government, we have a number of staff who are unable to come into school, as a result of this. This has therefore placed additional strain on the timetable and staffing numbers, therefore we are having to implement a rota system, which is as follows:

Monday

In School: Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10 **(No Year 11 pupils)**

Tuesday

In School: Year 7, Year 9, Year 10 & Year 11 **(No Year 8 pupils)**

Wednesday

In School: Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 & Year 11 **(No Year 10 Pupils)**

Thursday

In School: Year 7, Year 8, Year 10 & Year 11 **(No Year 9 Pupils)**

Friday

In School: Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 **(No Year 7 pupils)**



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This rota system will be reviewed on Friday 4th December 2020, in line with the government's review of the current national lockdown.

### **Home Learning**

For those pupils remaining at home during this time due to the shielding guidance or as a result of the rota system, we will continue to post out, add to TEAMS or email school work home. This work will reflect what would have been taught within school, work that is completed should be returned to school via the taxi or via email to the subject teacher.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

For those pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals, you will receive **one voucher** equivalent to four school days meals, for the time your child will be working from home, due to the rota system. These will be posted out to you shortly, due to the logistics involved, these will continue to be for the CO-OP.

### **EHCP Meetings**

All EHCP meetings will be completed via telephone; Lynn Williams will contact you via telephone on the same date and time as the appointment letter says.

### **School transport**

A large number of pupils' have already been wearing face coverings on transport to and from school, and we would encourage this to continue.

### **Behaviour**

**Our behaviour expectations remain the same, the details of the COVID Behaviour Appendix can be accessed on our website. In order to ensure the safety of both staff and pupils, should a pupil need to be physically managed they will be unable to continue attending at the current time. Equally, should a pupil continually refuse to maintain social distancing requirements repeatedly, abscond from the school site or refuse to engage in lessons, they will be unable to be in school at this time. The safety of pupils and staff is paramount.**

Your continued support during these unprecedented times is appreciated, if you have any concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Eyre  
Headteacher



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