

Our ref: ljm/KDV/Correspondence

18 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Parent/Carer Update

It has certainly been an eventful few weeks since the start of term but I wanted to take a short time to update you about where we are as a school and send some general updates to you. Things are changing very rapidly at the moment and I want to thank you for all your support.

As you know the local and national public health teams continue to be very impressed by our risk assessments, our processes and our responses to confirmed cases. In a building that houses two thousand people every day we are inevitably going to have cases of Coronavirus but we are doing all we can to minimise them. Diligent hand washing/sanitising, wearing a face covering and minimising contact with each other are still the best ways to stop the spread of Coronavirus and staff and students have been brilliant at doing these things.

I would however like to send a reminder that **if your child has any of these three symptoms:**

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Then all of your children should stay away from school and seek a test as soon as possible. If you are unsure then contact the NHS on 111 or look at this website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/#symptoms>

If your child then tests positive for Coronavirus please contact the school absence line or email covid19@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk as soon as possible. Please do not rely on track and trace to contact us.

While your child is at home, they can access their normal lessons through Microsoft Teams. If they are struggling to get online then please contact your child's Head of Year.

I would ask on behalf of the local testing centres that if you are unsure if your child has symptoms that you contact 111 first and do not book a test until you have done so. This is to make sure there is enough test capacity for those who have very clear symptoms.

Again, I want to thank you for all the support you have given to your children, our staff and the school in general. I am absolutely committed to ensuring that everyone stays safe while at the

same time not taking our eyes off the essential job of educating our students to the highest possible standard.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and that you all stay healthy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Vernon', enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Mr K. Vernon
Head Teacher