

Our ref: ljm/KDV/Correspondence

16 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Half Term

I wanted to write to you on this final day of the half term to update you where we are and let you know what next half term might bring.

I wanted to start by saying an enormous thank you to all of you for being so supportive of the College this half term. You have put your trust in us to keep your children safe and we have received lots of positive comments about how we have dealt with the confirmed cases we have faced.

I would also thank all of you for being understanding regarding some of the technical issues we have faced in sharing lessons with students at home while they have been self-isolating. A year ago, delivering live lessons to a class and students at home simultaneously would have seemed preposterous and it has been a steep learning curve for us all.

While the number of cases in school has remained low, the number of cases locally and nationally are still going up. There is lots of speculation about a “circuit break” or full lockdown coming, but I do not know any more than you on this front. Please be assured though, whatever happens in the future the staff here at The City of Leicester College will take the same proactive and detailed steps that we have taken all the way through lockdown, to protect the health and education of our students.

I know that for some families, managing the stresses of the pandemic has been more challenging than for others. The Local Authority and The Centre for Fun and Families are advertising some “Parenting in a Pandemic” courses for those who may need extra support. You can find details here: <https://www.cffcharity.org.uk/#>

I thought it would also be a good chance to remind you all that if your child has any of these three symptoms:

- **a high temperature**
- **a new, continuous cough**
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

Then all of your children should stay away from school and seek a test as soon as possible. If your child then tests positive for Coronavirus please contact the school absence line or email covid19@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk and please do not rely on track and trace to contact us.

Finally, I would like to say that it has been a genuine privilege to be the Head Teacher at The City of Leicester College this half term. Our staff and our students have been incredible in dealing with this strange new normal we find ourselves in. Your support as parents and carers has been absolutely invaluable in ensuring the behaviour, attendance and effort has been of the

highest standards and I look forward to working with you all for many terms to come. I hope you all have a wonderful half term and that you all stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Vernon', enclosed within a faint, light-colored oval border.

Mr K. Vernon
Head Teacher