

Our ref: ljm/KDV/Correspondence

10 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Reminders and Updates

It has been a while since I have contacted you all so I wanted to take the time to share some reminders and some updates as well as once again share my huge thanks for supporting the school in these incredibly challenging times.

The second national lockdown is in full effect and while it is not as far reaching as the first full lockdown, Leicester has had extra restrictions for a very long time now and there will be a number of you who work in sectors that have been badly affected. Our attendance continues to be very good and this is testament to the motivation and support you are giving to your children, despite all the other challenges you face.

The City Council publish data on coronavirus cases regularly on their website, and those of you who follow this information will already know that there has been an upswing in the number of confirmed cases in our area of the city. We are certainly seeing this reflected in school and some of you reading this will have children at home who are self-isolating. We continue to work very hard when an individual tests positive and so far our systems have stopped an outbreak from occurring in any year group.

As ever though prevention is always better than cure so I would ask that you remind yourself of the key measures that we all need to follow and discuss the importance of them with your child:

Keep all of your children at home if they have or have been in close contact with anyone who has any of these three symptoms or a positive test result:

- **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

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.

Additionally, all students should **sanitise their hands** regularly, **wear their masks** when in public spaces and maintain as much **social distance** as they can.

As we move into winter, it would also be sensible to **provide your children with more layers under their school shirts or a plain black jumper to wear under their blazer**. We will still need to keep our windows and doors open to minimise the risk of spreading the infection during lesson times. **Students will not be allowed to keep coats on during lessons.**

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.

We have also had requests from our local residents to please not park on the grass outside their homes. Due to the number of cars trying to pick up students at the end of the day there has been more than one car damaged in the last few weeks. **Please can you pick up your children further from the school in order to keep traffic moving and everyone safe.**

Keeping everyone in school and healthy is absolutely essential if we are to deliver the first class education to our students that I am committed to. Our teachers have been redesigning their lessons, their curriculum and their catch-up plans to ensure every one of our students has the best possible chance of succeeding. With your support to ensure all of our students are in school and working hard, I have no doubt we will not only recover but exceed expectations.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'K. Vernon', enclosed in a faint circular outline.

Mr K. Vernon
Head Teacher