



September 2020

RE: Social distancing and self-isolation guidance

Dear parents/carers

As we move to a point where we welcome back all our students together at the end of the week, I wanted to write to you to remind all families of the importance of social distancing outside of school, as well as within school, and to ask that you reiterate this to your child regularly. It is also important that students get into the habit of checking that they bring their face masks into school each day and bring a spare. Students have been excellent so far in observing social distancing around school as much as possible, wearing their masks and maintaining their year group bubbles, and we must maintain this high level of expectation going forward, so we appreciate all support from home in reiterating these key messages.

A reminder, if your child displays any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), it is vital that they are tested as soon as possible. The main symptoms are a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change to sense of smell and taste. Please ensure that the school is informed; the student must stay at home and not return to school until a negative result is obtained or they have isolated for 10 days.

I would also like to remind any families who have been on holiday over the summer of the current guidance regarding self-isolation/quarantine upon return. If you, or your family, returned from a country after it was removed from the travel corridor list, you must self-isolate for a period of 14 days from your arrival back in the UK, and your children should not be sent to school until that two-week period is completed. Any breach of these rules is very serious, and could result in year groups being sent home from school, or full school closure, so we ask that families work with us to ensure that we maintain public health and ensure that there is no disruption to students' education. If, during the quarantine period, either you or your children present with symptoms then you must get tested and must inform us of the result. Full guidance regarding overseas travel and self-isolation, including a list of countries removed from the travel corridor list, may be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

Yours sincerely

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