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Dear Parents and Carers,

May I first thank everyone for your ongoing support and care over our first half term back to school.

The return to school date for children is Tuesday, 3rd, November, 2020. Monday, 2nd, November, is a training day for staff.

The week-long break ahead has definitely arrived at the right time as the City moves into a tier 2, high alert area, due to the now rapid Covid-19 spread of infection.

Please be aware that if we are alerted to any positive cases of children or staff over the weekend, there may still be the need to inform you if your child then needs to isolate due to close contact in their bubble. If so, we will send you a letter via text or email.

You must continue to email the school if you do have a positive test result in your household whilst we are closed, or have any symptoms and tests over the week as this will inform our monitoring of the situation ready for the start back to school.

Key messages for you are to still try and enjoy your family time together, but please follow all guidance on restrictions. Especially follow the rules when you experience symptoms: get tested and the most important factor is to **strictly stick to the isolation days if needed**. (please see the public health family guidance leaflet)

I have outlined below a copy of the rules for tier 2, high alert areas. We are also aware that the City is very close to tier 3, very high alert, so PLEASE stay safe and follow all of the guidance. You can still enjoy the autumn days outdoors with your own family household bubble.

We look forward to seeing you all after the half term break. I wish you all the very best of good health and happiness, stay safe and smiling always

Yours sincerely,

Dr R Müller Headteacher





Tier 2 Local COVID alert level: high

This is for areas with a higher level of infections where some additional restrictions are in place.

This means on top of restrictions in alert level medium:

- you must not socialise with anybody outside of your household or support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 outside, including in a garden or other spaces like beaches or parks (other than where specific exemptions apply in law)
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-secure manner, other than those that remain closed in law
- certain businesses are required to ensure customers only consume food and drink while seated, and must close between 10pm and 5am
- businesses and venues selling food for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drivethrough
- schools, universities and places of worship remain open
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees
- exercise classes and <u>organised sport</u> can continue to take place outdoors; these will only be permitted indoors if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with or share a support bubble with; there are exceptions for supervised activities for under-18s, and disability sport
- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities that are open, for work or to access education, but should look to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible

You must:

• wear a face covering in those areas where this is mandated

You should continue to:

- follow social distancing rules
- work from home where you can effectively do so
- walk or cycle where possible, or plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport

Find out more about the measures that apply in high alert level areas to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Further Information on Covid-19

Further information is available at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/