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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that the DfE has published [updated guidance for schools](#) for use during the national lockdown from today until 2nd December 2020.

Firstly, the school will remain open to all students in all year groups as being at school is vital for their education and to support their wellbeing. For this reason, all students are expected to attend school. The risk to young people becoming severely ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) remains very low and there are negative health impacts for students if they are absent from school. For the vast majority of young people, the benefits of being at school far outweigh the low risk from coronavirus (COVID-19).

We have updated our risk assessment which is attached and can be found on the school website. There are only a few changes (in red text) as our control measures were already in place:

1. Unfortunately, extra-curricular clubs, Saturday school and CCF will have to cease until the end of this lockdown period.
2. The autumn exam series will continue as will the Year 11 and Y13 exams from 30th November.
3. Staff and students who are clinically extremely vulnerable and clinically vulnerable may continue to attend school.
4. Any clinically extremely vulnerable student or member of staff who is advised by GP to stay at home should do so. Most clinically extremely vulnerable and clinically vulnerable students should still attend education.
5. If a person is clinically extremely vulnerable they should have received a new letter from NHS or GP. If you are in doubt about whether your son should attend school or not, please contact their GP to check.
6. All other students should continue to attend school, including those living in a household with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable.

The school risk assessment shows how we already had protective measures in place for the other new restrictions, these include: face coverings, use of public transport, visitors only when absolutely necessary, music/drama/sport and the continuation of referral to children's services and social care for vulnerable and disadvantaged students.

Please could you ensure your son has a face covering with him every day unless he is exempt. Face coverings are to be worn in the corridors and inside communal areas. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms L Howarth
Headteacher

Copy to: all staff, all governors, CCF



