



30 October 2020

November School Update Term 2 – Important information and reminders

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for continuing to work with school in such a positive and supportive way throughout term 1. Considering the significant changes to routines and procedures in and around school, students and staff responded very well. You will have noted from my recent letters, that over the break we have been notified of a number of positive cases of Covid-19 in our school community. To confirm, all necessary steps have been taken to discuss each case with Public Health and where 'close contact' with the infected individual has been identified, those affected students and staff have been informed directly to isolate for 14 days.

Sadly, it would seem that our communities are facing a very challenging winter period of increasing Covid-19 positive cases. I can assure you that at school we will continue to do our very best to minimise risk, continue to educate our children either at school or during isolation periods, and support our families.

Masks and equipment in school

You will know that we now have a face mask policy in place at school. This began in the final week before the half term break. Our students responded very sensibly and maturely to this request. Please ensure that your child leaves home with a mask, a school bag and their equipment for learning each day. Students exempt from wearing a mask have been issued with a simple yellow pin badge to wear on their blazer lapel. By law all students must wear their mask on buses for the whole of their journey. See the latest guidance for parents from the DfE

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term#face-coverings>

Safety reminder – travel

Thank you again to parents and carers who continue to safely drop off and pick up their child when a car journey to school is necessary. On the whole this situation has settled down. However, unfortunately there continues to be parking on residents drop kerb and grass verges which is causing distress and danger for our students and local residents. I have received a number of complaints from residents on Brassington Lane and the surrounding streets. In addition, there was a car accident recently on Station New Road due to congested traffic which resulted in a near miss for a group of our children walking home on the footpath. Please help to keep our children safe and support our local neighbours by parking legally and respectfully, well away from the school entrance.

Covid-19 Information

All of our Covid-19 information and guidance is held centrally on the school website and can be found here: www.tuptonhall.org.uk/covid19 If you have further queries or comments please use our parental feedback form found here: <http://bit.ly/3IZTEA5>

Extending warm wishes to you all,

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