



1st November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will have seen the news from the Prime Minister that England is entering a second national lockdown from Thursday. I am writing to confirm two important updates in response to the government's announcement.

Schools remain open throughout this lockdown

The government is very clear that children must continue to attend school. The harm to their futures of missing education is bigger than the very low risk from Covid-19. This view is shared by senior doctors nationally. We are also fortunate that Covid-19 cases are far lower in the East of England than they are nationally. Your child must therefore continue to attend school unless:

- They receive a letter from the NHS this week telling them not to
- They are self-isolating because they have developed symptoms of Covid-19, or a member of your household has tested positive for Covid-19

We continue to have significant safety measures in place, such as student bubbles and enhanced cleaning, to ensure that school is as safe as possible for your child. We are working to enhance these measures and I will write again shortly to confirm what these are.

Extra-curricular activities are suspended

Government guidance is that non-essential activities should be suspended during lockdown. This means that we will not be running after-school clubs until lockdown is lifted. All sports clubs and fixtures are suspended. Homework club on Tuesdays and Thursdays can happen as will Year 11 intervention & revision sessions.

Thank you once again for your support during this challenging period. We are doing everything we can to keep your child's education on track, and could not do this without you.

Best wishes

Antony Little
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