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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your help and cooperation this term. It has been great to see everyone working together to become familiar with the new way things are being done in and around the school, and to see the children enjoying the benefits of being with friends and back in education.

As you are aware, the school will shortly be closed for October half term, however if your child is currently waiting to take a test or to receive the results of a test, I would be very grateful if you could continue to follow the process of informing the school if there is a positive result. To facilitate this process, over the half term we have set up an email for parents to report a positive result (covid19@benchill.manchester.sch.uk).

By continuing to let us know if your child tests positive, we can notify and advise you and any close contacts with regards to the length of isolation and the date that your child/close contacts can return to school, to safely ensure that risk of transmission is reduced.

Should your child receive a positive result you should inform us as outlined above and follow the Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection (www.gov.uk/coronavirus). It is very important that you and your child follow the above guidance should your child test positive and isolate for the required period, to help reduce the spread of infection. This includes not attending any play schemes, youth provision, leisure centres or sports activities etc. which may have been planned for the school holidays.

Should your child be identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive within the school, you will be contacted by the school and informed about the required isolation period and date your child can return to school. It is important that you follow the advice and guidance in relation to the isolation period to help reduce the spread of infection.

Many thanks and take care

Helen Eken

Headteacher



Headteacher: Mrs H Eken
Heads of School: Mrs F Davies & Miss A Holt
Chair of Governors: Mr Ian Madley



LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL

VERY HIGH

Social Contact



1 household / bubble in most locations, indoors and outdoors. Rule of six applies in some outdoor settings like parks, public gardens and sports courts.

Weddings and Funerals



Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for wakes and related ceremonies. Wedding receptions not permitted.

Overnight Stays



Those in area advised against overnight stays in other parts of UK. People outside area advised against overnight stays in area.

Working from home guidance



Work from home where possible.

Shopping and Retail



Open.

Leisure and gyms



Any closures or additional restrictions subject to consultation.

Hospitality



Pubs and bars must close except where they operate as a restaurant, meaning they can only serve alcohol with a substantial meal. Further closures subject to consultation.

Entertainment and tourist attractions



Any closures / additional restrictions subject to consultation. Nightclubs and adult entertainment remain closed.

Education



Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions with option to move to greater online provision.

Healthcare Services



Open.

Residential Care



Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.

Travel and Transport



May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel where possible in or out of the affected area with exceptions including work and school.

Sporting Activity



Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).

Worship



Open, subject to social contact rules.

Childcare



Registered and wraparound childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 14s.

Youth Clubs and Activities



Permitted.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:



Wash hands

keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)