

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

### Update on local lockdown guidance

I hope you are well. I am writing to you today with a further update on our plans and arrangements during the coronavirus outbreak following new guidance from the Government.

As you will know, the Department of Health and local councils are able to introduce 'lockdown' restrictions for communities when the number of people who are catching the virus is speeding up. They do this to slow the rate at which the virus is spread.

Now that schools are re-opening the Government have introduced 'tiers' or levels of lockdown, and if a school is in an area under lockdown they will have to react accordingly. You can read more on this on the gov.uk website or by searching 'gov contain framework.'

As you will read, the risk of primary-aged children contracting the disease is considered so low that only the highest level of lockdown, tier 4, would impact how we run the Academy. The changes introduced in tier 1, 2 and 3 only apply to secondary schools.

<b>Tier 1 – 3 Lockdown</b>
Primary schools will remain open to all pupils.
<b>Tier 4 Lockdown</b>
All mainstream schools will only allow full-time attendance to vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers, with all other pupils staying home and receiving remote education.

Due to the lockdown that was implemented earlier this year, we are of course well prepared for the requirements of tier 4. This will only be necessary should our local community be put into lockdown. If this happens, we will be in contact with you via text message about next steps.

**Attached with this letter is a simplified guide on actions to take in different instances which I hope you will find useful.**

We will of course keep you updated. Thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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Principal

