



Dear Parent/Carer

It has been wonderful to see children return to the school site over the last week and to observe them engaging in their learning and with the new systems and routines that are in place.

Whilst I very much hope we do not have to go into a further lockdown, we know that there is a real possibility that this might be the case at some point in this academic year. In this letter, I want to share our contingency plans with you so that you and your children know exactly what to expect. Recent Government guidance gave details of different tiers of intervention in local areas and expectations of how this would impact on schools. These tiers aim to implement restrictions in a phased manner with the key aim of retaining as much face to face education as possible. Limitations on education are always a last resort; if we are subject to restrictions then priority will be given to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers.

The table below shows how the school plans to respond during each tier of intervention and what we are asking parents / carers to do to prepare. We will, of course, continue to keep you informed in the usual ways.

Important additional measures – Tier 1 action required

As you know, we are now in a position where we need to increase the measures to reduce the risk to the community. I am pleased to inform you that many of our students arrive to school with a face covering and have worn it as directed. If your child has not yet got a face covering, please ensure that this is arranged from Wednesday 16th September 2020. We are purchasing 1500 face coverings as a contingency plan and students who, by Wednesday, do not have one will be supplied with one. If your child is exempt from wearing a face covering, please inform us as soon as possible by emailing office@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk.

We are considering how these students can be easily identified so that they are not challenged.

Tier of intervention	Local restrictions applied	School response	Actions for parents
Tier One (no school closures)	The local area will be subject to national intervention and restrictions will be in place, but these will not impact on education and childcare.	We will remain open to all students. <u>We will make the wearing of masks mandatory for all adults and students anywhere on the school site apart from inside classrooms.</u>	Please prepare for this situation by ensuring that your child has a plain cloth face covering that you can clean each evening (they can be hand washed in warm, soapy water). Your child will also need a plastic bag that can be sealed so that they can safely store their face covering during lessons.

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<p>Tier Two</p> <p>(partial closures of secondary schools: a rota model)</p>	<p>The local area will be subject to national intervention and restrictions will be in place, these will impact on secondary school settings.</p>	<p>In this scenario, we would operate a <u>rota model for most children</u>. We will release details of this during W/B 14th September.</p> <p><u>Children of critical workers and vulnerable children would be allowed to attend full time (TG Small School).</u></p> <p><u>Face coverings will be mandatory for all staff and students anywhere on site apart from in the classroom.</u></p>	<p>If you believe you are a critical worker then you should make us aware using the survey that was sent on Monday 7th September 2020.</p> <p>We are asking all parents to respond to this survey even if you have told us this before, this is because we know that circumstances can change.</p>
<p>Tier Three</p> <p>Full closure of secondary schools only.</p>	<p>The local area will be subject to national intervention and restrictions will be in place, closures will include secondary school settings. The DfE will decide which year groups are prioritised for on-site provision.</p>	<p>In this scenario, <u>most children will switch to remote learning</u>. Only children of critical workers and vulnerable children would be allowed to attend on-site provision (and any year group specified by the DfE).</p> <p>Face coverings will be mandatory for all staff and students anywhere on site apart from in the classroom.</p>	<p>If your child does not have access to technology and/or the internet then you should make us aware using the survey that was sent on Monday 7th September 2020.</p>
<p>Tier Four</p> <p>Full closure of all school settings including primary.</p>	<p>The local area will be subject to national intervention and restrictions will be in place, closures will affect all school settings.</p>	<p>In this scenario, most children will switch to remote learning. Only children of critical workers and vulnerable children would be allowed to attend on-site provision.</p> <p>Face coverings will be mandatory for all staff and students anywhere on site apart from in the classroom.</p>	

If we are informed of a positive case during a school day, our first action would be to contact our Public Health England Local Health Protection Team. We would take their advice about any required actions. We know from other schools that the advice has sometimes been to send year groups home. If this was necessary, we would send an email to all affected parents and put a notice on the website. On the email we would indicate the time of dismissal for that year group. If your child cannot safely make their way home at that time, it is



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your responsibility to contact the school and we will then make arrangements to supervise the remaining students until the end of the day. It is important that you ensure that you have access to your emails/texts and that we have up to date contact information.

As always, we will continue to review our planning based on local and national information and adapt our provision as necessary.

Thank you for your continuing support and encouragement. It has been wonderful to welcome your children back, they have certainly shown how resilient and adaptable they are! If you have any queries, please direct them to office@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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