



# THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Important Covid Information & School Closure**

Important headlines:

- School will be closed tomorrow, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 8 Parents Evening Remote Event will continue as planned on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November
- School will be closed on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November
- The Sixth Form will have remote learning for 14 days, until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, with on-site teaching resuming on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November

We have a number of students within our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Bubble which have tested positive for Covid-19, hence our decision to close our 6<sup>th</sup> Form today. Following consultation with Public Health England, all 6<sup>th</sup> Form students will self-isolate for 14 days, until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, returning to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

In addition, we have arranged with Rentokil to complete a Covid-19 Clean on our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Block and other areas accessed by these students, as well as all the toilets. They will also complete a general clean on other areas of the school, to offer further reassurance to our staff and students. Therefore, please note, that the school will be closed to all students and staff tomorrow, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November, in order for this clean to be completed. All students, other than 6<sup>th</sup> Form or those already self-isolating will return on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Staff (although minimal) that have been in contact with a confirmed case of Covid-19, within 2 metres, for 15 minutes or more, will also be self-isolating.

Please can you also remind your child/ren of the importance of the key message from the Government: Hands, Face, Space; this is key in order to protect themselves, their families and friends.

Please note that it is too late to cancel the planned closure on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The school has already committed to a number of costs on that day, as well as cancelling school buses.

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Buckingham has until now seemingly escaped increased infection rates, but these are clearly rising in the locality with other schools also now more affected. It is more important than ever than your children observe the national restrictions whilst they are not in school, in particular:

- When not at school, they should remain at home
- They should not visit another student's home
- They are allowed to meet one person in a public space, but it would be naïve to think that children stick to this – so please consider carefully what you allow your child(ren) to do and where you allow them to go

We appreciate how stressful this situation is for families and we will continue to be as quick and clear in our communication as possible. Please be reassured that we are being guided by external specialists and agencies when we make decisions affecting the safety of our community.

Yours faithfully



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