

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Re: Coronavirus Covid 19 – UPDATE**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and keeping safe.

**New Tier Measures**

As you will probably now know, East Sussex will move into Tier 2 on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The Government have published what restrictions are in place for each tier. You can read these [here](#).

The new tier measures do not mean there are any changes to the school arrangements and we will continue to keep children safe through year group bubbles, staggered starts/finishes, washing hands and not mixing during the school day.

Please continue to support us in the following ways:

- Only **one** parent/carer should be dropping off/collecting their child(ren) from school.
- Please make sure you drop off/pick up at the allocated times
- Please ensure your child(ren) remain with you at all times when queuing to get on the school site and when waiting on the playground.
- Once your child is released by their class teacher we are relying on your support to maintain social distancing between year groups.
- Please do not stop to have conversations with other families once you have collected your children as this causes congestion and reduces the space to socially distance.
- Although the official government guidance does not make it a requirement for adults to wear face coverings in schools, we would encourage our parents and carers to consider wearing a face mask whilst on the school site.

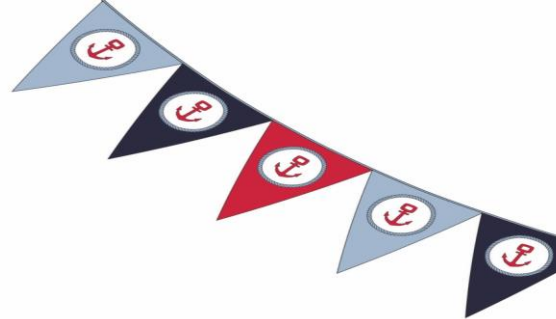
**Ventilation in school**

One of the key measures to lower the risk of the virus spreading is ensuring that classrooms are well **ventilated** as much as possible. This has been happening since the children returned in September. This will continue to happen this term even though the weather is getting colder. So if you would like to send your child in with **extra layers** to keep them warm during this time, you are very welcome to do so. This could be an extra **jumper, fleece or hoodie** that children can put on if they are starting feel cold – this doesn't have to be school uniform colours. Children can keep these on their pegs or in their PE bags that they can get if needed. Thank you for your support with this.

If you need any additional school jumpers or coats, please do get in touch with our PTFA Chair, Louise Clarkson - [meridianptfa@gmail.com](mailto:meridianptfa@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook Page [here](#)

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### Tier 1, 2, 3 summary

I found this useful summary the different restrictions in the different tiers that I though you might find useful.

	<b>TIER 1</b>	<b>TIER 2</b>	<b>TIER 3</b>
<b>HOUSEHOLD MIXING</b>	The rule of six applies, indoors and outdoors	No mixing with other households indoors apart from support bubbles. Rule of six applies outdoors	No mixing with other households indoors apart from support bubbles. Rule of six applies outdoors
<b>PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b>	Venues can open, but table service only and last orders by 10PM, close 11PM	Pubs and bars to close unless they can operate as restaurants. Alcohol can only be served with a substantial meal, last orders 10pm and close by 11pm.	Hospitality closed except sales by takeaway, click & collect, drive through and delivery
<b>SHOPS, GYMS AND HAIRDRESSERS</b>	All allowed to open	All allowed to open	All allowed to open
<b>THEATRE AND CINEMA</b>	Can open, with social contact limits	Can open, with social contact limits	Indoor venues closed
<b>WORK</b>	Work from home if possible to do so	Work from home if possible to do so	Work from home if possible to do so
<b>TRAVELLING</b>	Walk or cycle if possible and avoid travel into tier 3 areas except where necessary	Reduce the number of journeys where possible and avoid travel into tier 3 areas	Avoid travelling out of the area except where necessary and reduce the number of journeys
<b>HOTELS</b>	Can open	Can open	Closed, with limited exceptions such as work purposes or where people can't return home
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Nurseries, schools, colleges and universities can all open	Nurseries, schools, colleges and universities can all open	Nurseries, schools, colleges and universities can all open
<b>RELIGIOUS SERVICES</b>	Places of worship will open but must abide by the rule of six	Places of worship will open but people must stick to their own household/support bubble	Places of worship will open but people must stick to their own household/support bubble
<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b>	No more than 15 guests at weddings, wedding receptions, wakes. 30 guests for funerals	No more than 15 guests at weddings, wedding receptions, wakes. 30 guests for funerals	No more than 15 guests at weddings, 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted
<b>AMATEUR SPORT AND EXERCISE</b>	Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors and indoors, but follow rule of six	Classes & organised adult sport allowed outdoors & indoors if household mixing is avoided. All children's and elite athlete sport allowed	Classes & organised sport allowed outdoors but not indoors. All sport for children and elite athletes allowed
<b>SPECTATOR SPORT</b>	Audience limited to 50% capacity or 4,000 outdoors / 1,000 indoors (whichever is lower)	Audience limited to 50% capacity or 2,000 outdoors / 1,000 indoors (whichever is lower)	No events can take place

### Google Classroom – Live Teaching

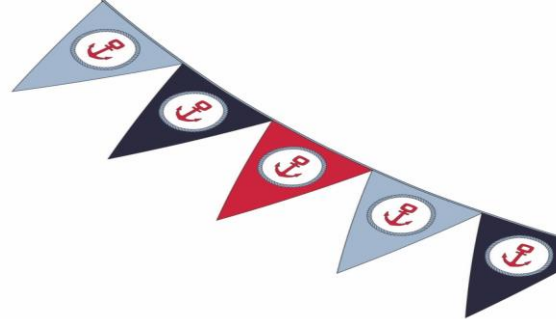
It is an expectation if your child is self-isolating due to a positive test in your household that they access the online learning through Google Classroom. All the teachers have been amazing in learning how to use this online platform to ensure that children do not fall behind. If you need any help with this, please do speak to your child's classteacher.

We will be live teaching for children when:

- Your child is well but has to self-isolate for 14 days due to a positive test outcome in your household.

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- A year group bubble has to close due to a positive test outcome for a pupil or teacher in that year group
- There is a whole/partial school closure and all/most children have to remain at home.

### What to do if someone in your household has symptoms

A reminder, that if anyone in your household develops symptoms of COVID-19, the whole household needs to self-isolate – this means children must stay at home. The person with symptoms needs to get a test and then the whole household needs to wait for the test results. If the results are negative, the children can return to school. If the results are positive, the whole household, including children, will need to continue to self-isolate. The Government states:

*“Stay at home if you have symptoms*

*If you’re getting a test because you have symptoms, you and anyone you live with must [self-isolate](#) until you get your result. This also applies to anyone in your support bubble (where someone who lives alone - or just with their children - can meet people from 1 other household).*

*You must also self-isolate if you cannot get a test.”*

Please visit NHS111 online for advice about symptoms and getting a test

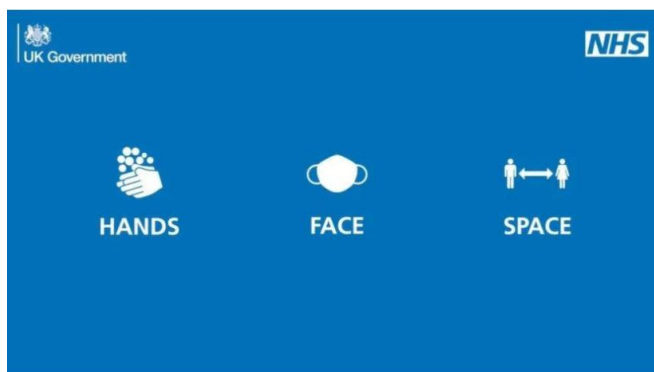
I will write to you again soon with any further updates or changes to guidance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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