

27th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Staff,

Updates

- As you are aware, over the past fortnight we have needed to shut an increasing number of bubbles or hubs across our three School sites. This has been necessary due to us receiving confirmed cases, or as a precautionary measure following a rising number of staff and pupils presenting with symptoms. We continue to work closely with Public Health England in this respect.
- At times we do need to make difficult decisions in order to limit the risk of pupils and staff catching or spreading the Coronavirus. We know that these arrangements will not necessarily satisfy all of our community. However, we hope you will appreciate that we have to place the safety of the entire school community first.
- We will always do our best to communicate the decisions that are made in as transparent and timely a manner as possible with everyone, whilst also respecting confidentiality.
- The increased rates of Coronavirus that we are witnessing reflect the picture across Kent and beyond, and the recent decision that has been made by the Government to place Kent and Medway in Tier 3 (Very High) when the lockdown finishes on 2nd December.
- All pupils, parents and staff are therefore asked to, outside of School hours, ensure that they carefully manage their social interactions. As a Tier 3 area, the additional restrictions that will apply to us all will include the following:
 - *Not mixing with anybody you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble, indoors, or in private gardens and pub gardens*
 - *Meeting in a group of up to six in other outdoor spaces, such as parks, beaches or countryside*
 - *People are advised not to travel to and from tier three areas*
- In the interests of the health and safety of us all, we ask that everyone:
 - Ensures they are familiar with, and adhere to, all of the restrictions set out by the Government
 - Ensures that they (or their child) are fit and healthy to be in School i.e. that they or their household members are not unwell / presenting with any Coronavirus symptoms (a new continuous cough or a high temperature, a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell). **Parents, pupils and staff must remain at home if anyone in their household is presenting with any of these symptoms.**
- Finally, please can we remind you to immediately report all symptoms and confirmed cases of Coronavirus to our dedicated School track and trace team, by email to trackandtrace@five-acre.kent.sch.uk

Take care all.

The Senior Leadership Team

