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6th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

New national restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic came into force yesterday, Thursday 5th November and will apply nationally for four weeks up to Wednesday 2nd December. The national guidance in full can be read here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november and the updated guidance for education and childcare settings can be read here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Please note that all students must adhere to these national restrictions. This means that students should not leave or be outside of the home except for the specific purposes listed in the guidance and must not meet socially indoors with family or friends unless they are part of their household or support bubble. Neither should they meet with others from outside of their household or support bubble in a private garden.

Specifically, for schools, the new guidance states:

Schools, colleges and universities remain open. The Government will continue to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our young people and will not be closing core educational facilities, like early years settings, schools, colleges, universities and vocational training centres. It remains very important for children and young people to attend, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians. Senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be, and so they should continue to go to school. Schools have implemented a range of protective measures to make them safe.

We will remain open to all students and they are expected to attend unless unwell, have to self-isolate or have an approved absence. My thanks again for your trust in us as we continue to provide the best possible education for your child during these times, as indicated in the positive responses from our parent survey before the October half-term break. Student attendance has remained high since half-term which I hope continues in the coming weeks.

We have implemented some additional measures this week, as a result of the new national restrictions. These supplement our existing protective measures outlined in our Risk Management Plan, which is available to read in full on our school website: https://haileyburyturnford.com/app/uploads/2020/09/COVID-19-Risk-Management-Reopening-Plan.pdf. As our plans change further this document will be updated to reflect those changes.

We have:

- Introduced face coverings (masks) for all students in all indoor communal areas (as communicated separately this week)
- Unfortunately, had to cancel all Sport and PE co-curricular after school clubs until 2nd December
- Unfortunately, had to cancel our community provision, organised through Schools Plus until 2nd December

We are able to continue with:

- Breakfast Club
- Targeted revision, catch-up classes, and activities directly related to the curriculum (for example, Year 11 interventions at the start and end of the school day)
- Homework club
- Period 6 sixth form lessons





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Please note all non-essential visits to the school should be postponed, unless it is an emergency. Parents/carers should not come into school unless they have a pre-arranged appointment. Parents/carers should not drop off/collect items for their child. Parental contact should take place by telephone or email unless it is an emergency.

As you will be aware, government guidance can change at short notice, and we will of course notify you of any changes should they arise. We continue to prioritise the safety of students and staff whilst maintaining the highest possible quality of education. I continue to be proud with the collective response from our school community during such challenging times. Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any queries or concerns you have. We remain here to help and provide the best possible support to you and your family.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Robin Newman Principal

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