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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all keeping well and had an enjoyable and relaxing half term break.

As we approach a second national lockdown starting Thursday 5th November we would like to update our families on the measures we are taking to keep our school safe.

For this half term, our students will stay in their classrooms for the majority of lessons. All students will still have access to our sports hall and forest school and for a small number of students our performing arts room, art room and computer room. Our students will continue to stay in their tutor group all day. For outdoor break, our students will continue to play outside in one of six, large allocated play areas with one or three other tutor groups.

We have also allocated a room for a student to use if they become symptomatic so they are kept away from other students whilst they are waiting to be collected by a family member.

There is a long list of other safety measures that we have in place which is accessible from our school website. <http://riverbankacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Riverbank-Academy-Keep-Safe-Guide-September-2020.pdf>

Ultimately, our aim is to reduce contacts between students and staff and have excellent hygiene routines to decrease the risk of transmission in our school whilst giving our students a positive educational experience.

If we have a confirmed case, we will notify all our families by text message and call parents whose child has been in contact with the confirmed case so that they can isolate for 14 days (starting from the date of contact with a positive case).

Generally, we have excellent staff attendance. However, if staff have to isolate for family reasons, or because they are symptomatic and we experience a high staff absence level within a tutor group we may have to close the tutor group for up to 2 weeks. Unfortunately, this is not something we can predict or plan for so we ask for your support and understanding should we find ourselves in this situation as any point this half term.

For student's that require specific medical support relating to diabetes or the administration of buccal midazolam medicine, if staff members trained in these medical areas are absent, we will also contact parents as soon as we can so the student can stay at home with family member/s to maintain their health and safety.

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For any student that has to stay at home over the coming weeks that is entitled to free school meals we will continue to provide this service for our families. We will also encourage students that are isolating to access our home learning webpage - <http://riverbankacademy.org.uk/riverbank-academy-home-learning/>

We want to keep as many students in school as possible but we also want to keep a safe school for all our students and all our staff. Over the next few weeks, we encourage our families to contact us, should you have any worries or questions. We value our relationships with all our parents and carers and during this challenging time we want to continue to support our families as much as we can.

Yours sincerely,



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