

9th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you and your family are well and looking forward to Christmas! We are all looking forward to a well-deserved Christmas break; children, their families and staff and we are all busy completing our festive learning. In the lead up to Christmas, we just wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of how important it is to keep one another safe in our community.

In school we are continuing our robust approach in trying to prevent COVID within the school environment. We are practicing 'hands, face, space' and maintaining the dialogue with the children. We also wanted to encourage families too, to work with us to mitigate a bubble closure in the last week of term in response to a positive COVID test result at school. Clearly this would mean a self-isolation period potentially falling over the Christmas break, which I am sure you will agree, would be very sad.

Therefore, we would respectfully like to remind you all of the current rules and regulations around COVID. It is vital that we follow the rules to give us **all** the best chance of enjoying the Christmas break, as we cannot guarantee that a bubble will not close, however we can guarantee that we have all worked together to mitigate the chances as much as possible.

Our area, Bedfordshire, currently falls into tier 2 of the current government regulations which we have attached for your reference. You can get more information by visiting GOV.UK.

By working together we hope that we can all have a healthy and safe Christmas holiday.

Many thanks for your ongoing cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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Gov.UK – 02/12/2020 - Tier 2: High alert

This is for areas with a higher or rapidly rising level of infections, where some additional restrictions need to be in place.

- *you must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place*
- *you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or a public space – this is called the ‘rule of 6’*
- *businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a [COVID-Secure](#) manner, other than those which remain closed by law, such as nightclubs*
 - *pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals*
- *hospitality businesses selling food or drink for consumption on their premises are required to:*
 - *provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol*
 - *close between 11pm and 5am (hospitality venues in airports, ports, transport services and motorway service areas are exempt)*
 - *stop taking orders after 10pm*
- *hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through*
- *early closure (11pm) applies to casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, bowling alleys, amusement arcades, funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls. Cinemas, theatres and concert halls can stay open beyond 11pm in order to conclude performances that start before 10pm*
- *public attendance at outdoor and indoor events (performances and shows) is permitted, limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors*
- *public attendance at spectator sport and business events can resume inside and outside, subject to [social contact rules](#) and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors*
- *places of worship remain open but you must not socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble while you are indoors there, unless a legal exemption applies*
- *weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, and 15 people can attend linked commemorative events such as wakes or stonesettings.*
- *organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue*
- *organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with). There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s, which can take place with larger groups mixing*
- *you can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible*
- *if you live in a tier 2 area, you must continue to follow tier 2 rules when you travel to a tier 1 area. Avoid travel to or overnight stays in tier 3 areas other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities. You can travel through a tier 3 area as a part of a longer journey*
- *for international travel see the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [travel advice](#) for your destination and the [travel corridors list](#)*