



19<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and are adjusting to this second national lockdown well. As numbers of COVID-19 cases increase this is a worrying time for everyone. I wanted to take time to reassure you all about the measures we are taking in both our schools to help protect our school community and their families.

Many of you will be aware that after half term we welcomed trainee teachers (from Derby University) into both schools. Prior to starting their placements on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, the trainees had not attended University since Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The trainees are in school on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On a Monday and Tuesday they are engaged in remote learning at home, they are not attending university. On the first day trainees attended both schools they were asked the following questions;

- Have you had any of the symptoms of coronavirus?
- Have you been contacted by track and trace and asked to isolate?
- Are you following the current national guidelines?

The guidance schools have received from the Government states that we are able to use sports coaches and supply teachers. As a Federation, we have made the decision to limit the number of people we have in school. Therefore, we are not currently using sports coaches and will only use supply if we have no other alternative. Currently we are covering teacher absence (due to either illness or for CPD reasons) internally.

This decision has been made to limit the number of people coming into our schools and therefore reduce, as much as possible, the risk of exposure to coronavirus.

If you have any concerns please do speak to either myself or another member of staff. If I am not at your school please either ring me or email me with your concerns.

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Stay safe

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