



1<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Tier 2 – Covid-19 update

You will be aware that from tomorrow, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Gloucestershire will move to Tier 2 restrictions for Covid-19 and I wanted to update you on the revised guidance from the Department for Education.

To date we have managed to keep Maidenhill open for all year groups. This is largely thanks to our parents/carers who have supported us by following guidelines closely and thanks to our students for adhering to our 'bubbles' and health and safety regimes in school.

The significant regulations for schools in areas in Tier 2 are as follows:

### Children should self-isolate:

- If they have symptoms or a positive test
- If they live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive
- If they are a 'close contact' of someone who has coronavirus

**Please inform school IMMEDIATELY if your son/daughter falls into any of the categories above.**

This should be done via the usual phone number, 01453 822469, or email:

[office@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:office@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk)

**If your son/daughter receives a POSITIVE test result out of school hours, please use our dedicated out of hours Covid-19 email address: [outofhours covid19@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:outofhours covid19@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk).**  
This will enable us to respond swiftly to help protect others.

- Children aged 11 or over, must wear a face covering on dedicated school transport or public buses. Face masks should be put on before boarding the bus and should be kept on for the whole journey
- On school buses, students should sit in the part of the bus designated for their 'bubble'
- Students must wear face coverings in indoor, communal areas such as school corridors, staircases, canteen queue etc.
- Clinically extremely vulnerable children should return to school unless advised to the contrary by their GP or clinician
- Schools can plan indoor or outdoor performances in front of an audience but only in their respective 'bubbles' or year groups. This means our Year 7 practices for Christmas Carol can resume
- Schools can offer curricular and extra-curricular physical activities, so long as students are kept in their 'bubble'

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It is worth noting that, in the interest of keeping infection rates as low as possible in our wider community, it is also important for students and indeed everyone, to adhere to the guidelines below when not in school:

- Everyone must wear face coverings in all indoor public settings
- Children should attend school normally unless self-isolating
- Everyone should walk or cycle if possible
- No one should socialise indoors with anyone they do not live with or who is not in their support bubble
- No one should socialise with more than 6 people outside; the rule of six applies.

Whilst a vaccine may now be on the horizon, the roll-out of such a vaccination programme will take time, in addition to the time after a vaccination is given, before the vaccination becomes active. It is now more important than ever, that as a school and wider community, we all do as much as we can to keep each other safe and well.

I am very grateful to you for your support during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Wilson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs P Wilson  
Head Teacher