



PLEASE RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

14th September 2020

Dear Parent /Carer

Local restrictions from Tuesday 15th September

I hope that you and your family are keeping well. Thank you for supporting your child's return to school; pupils have settled really well into the new routines.

The latest government guidance outlines 4 Tiers of restrictions for schools (outlined below). As you will be aware from the local and national news Birmingham residents will be subject to local restrictions from tomorrow – Tuesday 15 September. **I have now been informed that all Birmingham schools must operate Tier 1 restrictions.**

Tier 1: School remains fully open, all adults and pupils MUST wear face coverings in corridors and communal spaces – from Tuesday 15 September. (Please note the rule regarding face coverings is the same for each Tier). Pupils must have a plastic bag in their school bag for their mask as well as gel hands before they put their masks on and gel after they remove their mask. School will be explaining this to all pupils.

Tier 2: Secondary schools are to adopt a rota system. Pupils will rotate two weeks out of school with two weeks in school. Vulnerable children and children of key workers will be able to access on site attendance by prior arrangements. Parents will be informed which year groups are expected in school.

Tier 3: Secondary schools to limit on-site attendance to selected year groups only. At this point the Department of Education will issue operational guidance that will confirm which year groups should be prioritised. Vulnerable children and children of key workers will be able to access on site attendance by prior arrangements.

Tier 4: Further limits to attendance to vulnerable children and children of key workers. Pupils who receive **Free School Meals** will be provided with a food pack if and when Tiers 2,3 and 4 are in place.

Remote learning through Microsoft Teams:

We have collected information from families regarding IT equipment at home and we are aware where pupils are unable to access Microsoft Teams. Please keep school informed if your circumstances change. A reminder to parents that pupils self-isolating can access their work via the Google Drive. Enforced isolation (when a year group bubble are directed to work from home by Public Health England), pupils are to log into their lessons at the same time as their usual lesson on their timetable.

We are providing training sessions in school to ensure that all pupils feel confident in using Microsoft Teams, these should be completed by the end of the week.

May I ask you to ensure that your contact details are up to date so that communication with families can be well managed as we move into Tier 1. If your child has any questions, please ask them to talk to their form tutor in the first instance.

If you have questions, please email:
enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk

Throughout this unsettled time, I will keep you fully informed. In the mean time staff are really enjoying seeing and teaching pupils again. Our dedicated Wellbeing Hubs for each year group are doing an excellent job in supporting school getting started again and supporting pupils throughout this time.

One final note to parents/carers. School operates in strict year groups bubbles, it is even more important as Birmingham is experiencing rising numbers of infection that pupils return straight home after school. All of the hard work to keep pupils distanced from their peers throughout the day is undone by meeting up in the park or going up the High Street. Restrictions are there for the safety of everyone and no matter how much pupils want to be with their friends they must make their way home immediately. I would ask for your support by explaining this to your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards and keep safe.



H Reeves
Headteacher