



## Hodge Hill Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well and that your daughter had an enjoyable half term holiday. As you will be aware following the news at the weekend the second national lockdown has started today, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Schools will be open as normal during this time and if your daughter is well, she will be expected to attend school for her usual lessons.

In accordance with government guidance you will already be aware that we have a number of protective measures in place at Hodge Hill Girls' School as we continue to prioritise the health and safety of our school community. These include:

- Hand sanitiser stations throughout the school.
- A one-way system around the building.
- Identified staggered starts and ends to the school day as well as dedicated break, lunch times and places for each year group. This is to avoid mixing between year groups.
- The expectation that everyone in the school community, unless the school has been informed of a specific reason, is expected to wear a face covering when moving around the school building or congregating inside. Pupils are to bring their own mask to school and have a spare mask if needed.
- Signage with key messages throughout the school and frequent reminders of the Covid-19 expectations.
- Open windows and where appropriate doors to ensure good ventilation throughout the building. The heating is now on in school, but if your daughter is cold as we move into winter, she is encouraged to either wear the school grey jumper under her blazer or wear appropriate layers underneath her school shirt.

The Pupil/Parent Handbook has been shared with you. We would appreciate it if you can continue to reinforce the high standards of behaviour needed at this time, as well as the important Covid-19 messages with your daughter so that she can play her part in keeping everyone safe at this time both in and outside of the school environment.

- We need families to continue to communicate with us and inform us if their daughter or a member of their family tests positive for Covid-19.
- If someone in your household has Covid symptoms everyone in the household should self-isolate until a test has been arranged and a result has been confirmed. Only where the test is negative, or the required self-isolation timeframe has been undertaken can a pupil come back to school.
- Inform us of your daughter's absence on the first day and update us with any results.

- Please inform us immediately if your daughter tests positive for Covid-19. A member of staff will then contact you so that we are able to trace close contacts and ask them to self-isolate. We are working under the direction of the DFE and Public Health England in such cases.
- **No pupil should come to school with Covid symptoms or if awaiting the results of a Covid test. If your daughter feels ill with Covid symptoms during the day she must inform her class teacher immediately so that the necessary procedures can be followed.**

While I realise that this continues to be a challenging time I hope that you are reassured by the measures we are taking to protect the health and safety of everyone in our community. We are aware that this is a time when many of our pupils will be worried or confused by the frequent changes and impact on their lives of the lockdown restrictions. School will provide some necessary routine and support during this time.

We continue to have a wealth of helpful resources to support our pupils and families in the parent and pupil areas of the school website. Alternatively, please contact your daughter's Pastoral Manager as they may be able to signpost you to further support organisations at this time.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S Adu  
Headteacher