

8 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Covid-19 reminder - Tier 3 restrictions

Thank you for all that you continue to do to support us being able to keep learning on site and protecting our school community. We would be grateful if you would go through the Tier 3 guidelines with your children; it outlines the expectations for our area, currently on Very High Alert, which are the strictest in place across the country. We draw your attention especially to the restrictions on mixing indoors. Currently there should be no mixing of households indoors, and outdoors mixing should be limited to groups to six. Please note that these restrictions apply regardless of how the children have been mixing/bubbling at school.

This is very important because behaving in a way that follows these guidelines helps protect you, other family members and the staff and other students at Ditton Park Academy. However, we are aware that there are special arrangements have been put in place by the government for the Christmas period to help support us all at this time.

Whilst the current COVID lockdown restrictions have ended, please be mindful that in line with the current statutory guidance, any pupil absence caused by travel-induced quarantine, cannot be authorised. If you are considering overseas travel during the Christmas period, please be aware that the 14-day quarantine period on your return is still currently in place; this may mean that your child is not able to attend school at the start of the new term.

However, you may be aware that, from 15th December, there is an option to pay for a Covid test and potentially reduce your self-isolation period: Covid-19 - Test to Release. Please note that tests can only be carried out from five days after you have returned to the UK.

We would still advise against all non-essential travel overseas, and any pupil absence due to travel-induced quarantine will not be authorised. We understand the restrictions place additional demands on all families during an already challenging time.

If you are travelling overseas over the Christmas holiday period, please inform us via g.baig@dittonparkacademy.co.uk so that we can contact you and confirm when your son / daughter can return to school.



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If you require any further support from the academy, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's academic mentor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



Nick Caulfield
Principal



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