

**Email from Matthew Bartlett, Head Master**

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Friday we received the update that:

- People should not travel into or out of Glasgow except where absolutely necessary (such as to attend school)
- That there was a significantly enhanced risk given the preponderance of the 'Indian Variant' in parts of South Glasgow
- That young people are at greatest risk

**and** over the weekend we received news that:

- Figures continue to rise in Glasgow
- East Renfrewshire is well above the figure for remaining at tier three

We expect that tier three may be kept in place for longer than a week

My email last week was about keeping all mitigations and arrangements in place and how we must adhere to these to keep ourselves safe and all our community safe. This is clearly even more so in light of the points noted above. The Pastoral Teams will be reminding all our pupils today to continue to keep safe and to continue to follow the safe practices in place of distancing, face mask wearing and frequent sanitising. Your young people have been so good about following this procedure.

The other points I would want to make to keep everyone safe are:

- Please do encourage your child to utilise lateral flow testing. Stocks of kits can be obtained from reception at any time and likewise pupils can still sign up for testing. This is proving useful nationally in stopping the spread of the virus and we would strongly encourage everyone to engage in this
- There can be no trips, retreats, activities or the like (including D of E) outwith Glasgow at the current time. The playing fields, Glasgow Green and Pinkston are all within the Glasgow area. We are monitoring all planned activities and have alternative plans in place wherever possible. There is a review in a week's time, so this rule is in place until any review declares the situation to have changed positively
- There is no indoor contact sport allowed and this will remain the case until we enter tier 1 (non-contact sport indoors is from tier 2)
- I will provide updates as and when received: there are still no further updates for schools even after Friday's national announcement
- Everything else is unchanged: we were in tier 3 on Friday and the new announcement simply means that is unchanged on Monday and all our precautions and mitigations remain in place

Can I please reiterate the following in respect of visitors which will apply until we have an update from the First Minister (which may be at the end of this week or the end of the following week)

- After school Tours for potential applicants are suspended in both Junior and Senior School
- No other visitors are permitted at this time but teams or zoom will be used instead

Many thanks for your continued support and vigilance

Please keep safe



Kind regards

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