

Thursday 5th November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

I'd like to take this opportunity to write to you as we approach the end of the first week of this term. As a Principal and as a parent, I understand that this second Covid 19 wave and the start of a new national lockdown will be very worrying for many pupils and parents. However, the Government's senior clinicians' advice is that school is the best place for children to be and we will continue to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our young people. We also know that the transmissions between pupils is very low.

It is inevitable that we will experience positive cases of Covid 19 in school. But please be assured that we take swift and efficient action to ensure potential close contacts do not attend school and are informed to isolate. We will take the highest precautions and follow the national guidance and the advice from our local Health Protection Team. Please be assured we are continuing with our strict hygiene measures with enhanced cleaning throughout the building, including disinfectant fogging the entire building every day.

Face Coverings

If you have been following Bristol's statistical updates, you will be aware that Bristol's rate of new cases in the last 7 days is considerably higher than the previous week, with a trend that is moving upwards, and we understand that this may be worrying. From Monday, along with all other CLF and other schools, we are asking that all students wear a face covering in school. This will be the same for our staff also.

We recommend a material face covering that is washable and re-usable. If you will not be able to provide your child with a suitable face covering, or if your child is unable to or exempt from wearing a face covering, or you would like to discuss this further, please contact us via the school number or by email to CABinfo@clf.uk

Face coverings are not required or expected to be worn in classrooms during learning, where protective safety measures are in place that mean the risks of spread of infection are mitigated. We will continue to inform and train all staff and students in our secondary schools about how to wear and take care of a face covering safely and our expectations about safe use.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, **you should inform the school and organise for your child to be tested** via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear. Please keep school informed of the test result.

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Parent Pay

Over half term, you will have received a letter by post, entitled “Parent Pay Activation Letter”. If you have not received this, please contact us CABinfo@clf.uk to confirm your postal address and to we will send you another copy.

Parent Pay will become the way in which you can pay for your child’s meals and other things such as school trips. We will also move to using Parent Pay as our main way of sending email communication, so please ensure you register for a Parent Pay account as soon as possible, to ensure we can keep you up to date.

Coats/Jumpers

As we move into colder months, we will be continuing to have windows and doors open in the Academy. Coats are not allowed to be worn in the classroom. Therefore, we recommend students wear a jumper, and possibly a vest/t-shirt under their shirt. Logo jumpers can be ordered online, but we are also currently allowing students to wear a plain black V-neck jumper that can be purchased anywhere.

Home Learning Information

If your student is not able to attend school due to isolation, students can access home learning from their Student Login page on our website <https://cityacademybristol.clf.uk/> and clicking “CLF Home Learning” then the City Academy file, where you can then navigate by year group, term, week and subject. If you are having issues with a password for the student navigator page, then please email forgottenpassword@cab.clf.uk, so that one of our IT team can assist you.

I understand that this can be an anxious time for many and I appreciate your ongoing support.

Best wishes



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