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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a very different way of working for all of us. As ever, out of adversity comes opportunity. Our number one priority will always remain the health and welfare of the children in our care. As such we continue to monitor and review all policies, especially those related to C-19.

May I remind you that all the relevant documents, including the full presentation I gave to parents, is available on our website, under information, and Full School September Return.

A summary of the main procedures

- All students use hand sanitiser on the gate as they enter school site
- Different year groups enter via different gated area
- Different year groups are kept completely separates all day in their bubbles
- Students use hand sanitiser when entering the school building, as well as when entering classrooms
- Students in years 7 to 9, and 10 and 11 where possible, sit in the same classroom at the same desk every lesson
- We have highly visible signage all around the school with guidance i.e. how to wash hands
- Staff and students have the option to wear face masks if they choose
- Our excellent attendance team monitor carefully isolation periods and protocols with regular check-ups via phone
- All classroom and spaces are well ventilated, with students facing the front, and the teacher 2m from the front row
- Please refer to the documents on the school website for full details

May I also remind parents of the rules regarding self-isolation (up to date on 12/10/20), please also refer to the PHE website and guidance. Our attendance team will monitor and advise parents/carers if required, we will only allow students to attend school again when the criteria below have been met. Please email GAattendace@gloucesteracademy.co.uk

Please do not send your child to school if they or any member of the household has:

Developed a new continuous cough

A high temperature

A loss of/change in normal sense of taste or smell

If your child does develop any of these symptoms whilst in school, we will isolate them in our quarantine area, for them to be collected by yourselves.

If showing symptoms, from the 1st day of symptoms:

Isolate for 10 days

Arrange a test asap

Those within the household must also isolate for 14 days from when the first person showed symptoms

Isolation can only end

After a negative test - please provide evidence prior to attending school

After 10 days of isolation from 1st day of showing symptoms

After 14 days of someone with the household showing symptoms

Please always communicate and inform us if your child is isolating. This is very important.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your supporting and reinforcing our standards with your child. Please do stay safe and healthy and follow guidance.

Yours faithfully

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