



BENSHAM MANOR School

Ecclesbourne Road, Croydon CR7 7BN

T: 0208 684 0116 E: theoffice@benshammanor.com W: www.benshammanor.co.uk

Headteacher : Mrs Fiona Robinson MA NPQH

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kirstie Byrne B.Ed (Hons) NPQH

5/11/2020

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

I am sorry that I have to write to you so shortly after my letter earlier this week. However, the Department for Education issued some new guidance late yesterday evening that I need to make you all aware of.

I will be asking all students, **where possible**, to wear a face covering in communal areas (moving through corridors) from tomorrow, November 6th. If your child has an exemption, medical or other reason why they are unable to wear a face covering in communal areas, please do not telephone the school but contact your child's form tutor via email in the first instance.

Additionally, updated guidance has been provided for children who are deemed as clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable. As evidence has shown there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from Covid-19, most children originally on the shielded patient list no longer need to be and therefore can still attend school. If you are unsure, please contact your child's usual GP or hospital clinician to check whether they should still be considered clinically extremely vulnerable. **If a GP or clinician has advised that a child should remain on the shielded patient list, they are advised not to attend school.**

Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but aren't themselves, should still attend school.

Guidance for children with Down Syndrome is that they continue to attend school.

To summarise, unless you are told by a medical professional that your child must not attend school, then the current expectation that all children must attend school still applies.

You may be very worried and have lots of questions at this time.

I am offering two virtual meetings next week on Tuesday 10/11/20 to explain to you what we are doing as a school to keep everyone safe and to answer any questions you may have.

The first Q and A session will be at 9.30am for parents and carers of pupils in Years 7,8,9. The second Q and A session will be at 10.00am for parents and carers of pupils in Years 10,11,Post 16.



BENSHAM MANOR *School*

Ecclesbourne Road, Croydon CR7 7BN

T: 0208 684 0116 E: theoffice@benshammanor.com W: www.benshammanor.co.uk

Headteacher : Mrs Fiona Robinson MA NPQH

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kirstie Byrne B.Ed (Hons) NPQH

Details are below:

Topic: Q and A session Key Stage 3

Time: Nov 10, 2020 09:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84687207263>

Meeting ID: 846 8720 7263

.....

Topic: Q and A session Key Stage 4 and Post 16

Time: Nov 10, 2020 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89970691056>

Meeting ID: 899 7069 1056

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Fiona Robinson

Headteacher