



# BENSHAM MANOR School

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and had a good half-term break. You will by now be aware that the Government has issued a new lockdown commencing on Thursday November 5th and finishing on Wednesday December 2nd. One of the key differences between this lockdown and the first lockdown which started in March is that schools are to remain open. I will of course let you know immediately if this were to change. Therefore, your child needs to be in school unless they are ill. Please see below a reminder on the symptoms of Covid and what you must do:

## COVID Symptoms

If your child or someone in your household develops one of the following symptoms of coronavirus, your child must not attend school.

Symptoms:

- a high temperature – which is 37.8 or higher
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

You should contact the school office and follow the guidelines set out by the Government for self isolation and testing. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you would like your child to wear a face covering please ensure they bring one to school.

School will continue to run in the same way it has for the last half term with children working in Year group bubbles. The only difference is that I will be cancelling after school clubs with immediate effect until further notice. I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause but I believe it is in the best interests of both staff and students. If you have paid for an after school club, this payment will carry over to next half terms clubs.

Unfortunately, there has been a further delay to the opening of the new life skills cooking block - it will now open in January 2021. If your child does life skills cooking with Ms Cahour and you have paid the £5 food charge, you will not need to pay again next half term.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Robinson, Headteacher

