

16th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have worked hard to make learning as safe and secure as possible here at Elm Academy. This is a team effort and both pupils and parents have helped us by being aware of social distance, washing hands, wearing face coverings as needed/required and with the excellent behaviour of pupils since their return to school.

However, whilst everyone is doing their best, 6 weeks in is a good time to remind us all of how important it is for all families and pupils and students to protect schools being open. We have had a good half term, but for 6 months some pupils had no face to face teaching. As a school we are prepared for if and when bubbles need go home and home learning will resume for the period of isolation. However, for us to be able to be as open as possible for as long as possible it is crucial that we think about others' when we are away from school, whether at the weekend or in half term.

So we ask you to please;

- Limit the spread of this disease by abiding by rules within and outside of school
- Keep to the rule of 6 and limit your interaction with friends from elsewhere

Remember:

- If you have symptoms don't come to school
- If someone close is awaiting a test and has symptoms, don't come to school
- Be aware of space between you and others everywhere you can and continue to remind the children of this as they come into school each day. They should be walking with their adult, not other children.
- Wear face masks, where possible
- Do not allow children to run off and play with others either inside or outside the school gates or play on the tree at the bottom of the gate

We have, again, reviewed our risk assessment and feel that the current timings for drop off and collection arrangements are working well. We are also mindful that a number of parents have made necessary arrangements with their employers. Therefore, the current arrangements will continue as they are for the second half of this term.

If your child shows any symptoms of Covid-19 (a new, continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste and smell) please do not send them to school but go to the dedicated NHS 111 Covid site, <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/> for details of what you need to do.

Should any situation arise and it be necessary to communicate with you this will come directly from the school via letter or text message. We will follow guidelines from Public Health England. Please refrain from unhelpful gossip at the school gates and/or speculation via social media.

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Thank you for your co-operation and continued support.

Kind regards



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