

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below an update and reminder of some of our important arrangements and communications regarding Autumn Term arrangements and plans for potential lockdown.

### **Face Masks**

The majority of students have been excellent in remembering to bring and wear their masks in school and we commend them for their responsibility and maturity. For the safety of all students and staff, **please can you ensure that your child brings a mask to school** (or multiple masks if you are using disposable masks) so that they always have them on their person. A small number of students are forgetting or losing them and we are running low on supplies in school. We have shared the purpose of our decision with students: them wearing a face mask is a respectful and responsible act to protect peers and staff. While we have thankfully had a very small number of students failing to follow our expectations, we will have to introduce sanctions for those who refuse to follow our instructions in order to protect others. Please can you take the time to discuss this with your children; thank you for your support.

### **What to do if your child has Covid symptoms**

Please do not send your child into school if they are displaying any of the 3 common Covid-19 symptoms. These are:

1. a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
2. 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)
3. 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

If a child presents these symptoms at school, we will send them home. If they already have them before setting off for school, please keep them at home and let us know.

Our 'what to do' guide is here:

[https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/docs/Attendance -  
\\_what to do for parents carers Sept 2020.pdf](https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/docs/Attendance_-_what_to_do_for_parents_carers_Sept_2020.pdf)

### **Remote Learning**

A reminder that we have sent details of our anticipated remote learning provision in the event of a Tier 2, 3 or 4 lockdown. I would urge you to read this carefully, before we find ourselves in a situation where students are following their curriculum from home, and to ensure that students are aware of the arrangements and expectations too.

All of our updates in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, including the letter with the details above, are available on our website here:

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/Covid-19-Information-and-Guidance/>

## **Parent Forum**

In order to consult with parents and ensure that we incorporate your views and experiences into our planning, we hold a Parent Forum every term. Our next Parent Forum is on **Tuesday 13th October at 6.15pm**. Depending on numbers, we may be able to hold this in the school in person, practising safe social distancing. If you are interested in attending, please can you complete the Google Form below by Wednesday 7th October and indicate whether you would prefer to attend virtually or in person:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaBn6Xz6giJHG6r0zOSNsmQDkab9lq9Q8re385s4qHJsSM5g/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaBn6Xz6giJHG6r0zOSNsmQDkab9lq9Q8re385s4qHJsSM5g/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Many thanks for your time.

Kind regards,

Mrs. McGloin