

# Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carers

It has been confirmed that following the National Lockdown, Bedfordshire will be placed under Tier 2 - High restriction as from Wednesday 2 December. You may find the poster attached to this letter useful as it outlines the general government guidelines for a tier 2 area.

Edward Peake will continue to follow the same protective measures and routines as advised by Public Health England, DfE and the NHS in order to keep all members of our community safe.

We must work together as a community to ensure that we keep each other safe and follow the guidance for a tier 2 area.

## **Guideline highlights and impacts on the school setting**

- Social distancing measures will still be followed for adults within the school setting.
- Social distancing measures should be followed outside of the school setting in line with government guidelines.
- Visitors to the school are not permitted at this time unless in exceptional circumstances.
- Parents and carers will still be asked to wear a face covering at the pupil gates. Whilst the wearing of face coverings is not currently statutory in outdoor public spaces, we feel it is appropriate at this time.
- Pupils in key stage 3 will continue to wear a face covering in communal areas and when moving around the school such as moving between classes, going to the toilet or exiting the class for break and lunch. They do not need to wear a face covering in class, outdoors, in certain subjects or if they have a certified reason recorded on our school records (or provided by a certified professional body) which will allow them exemption.
- No mixing of households indoors and a maximum of six outdoors. Please note this does not apply to the school setting.
- Remember to wash and sanitise hands regularly.
- The school bus service will continue to run as normal. Pupils will still be required to wear a face covering when travelling to and from the school.
- Parents and carers should continue to keep us updated regarding suspected symptoms of Covid 19.

Please find attached pupil Covid 19 flowchart as previously provided.

## **KS2 Entry/Exit Point Updates**

Central Bedfordshire Council has recently completed works to the public footpath areas around the school. Thank you for your patience regarding the changes to the KS2 waiting areas. We are now in a position to return to our original set up. The photographs below have been provided as a reminder.



**Photograph A - Year 5 waiting area (attached)**

**Photograph B - Year 6 waiting area (attached)**

**Parent/Carer Waiting Area**

Please remember the current guidelines regarding the national lockdown. We would urge all parents/carers to refrain from waiting in this area. Parents/carers should wait behind the grey bollards and wait on the fence side to protect all members of the community.

**Pick Up and Drop Off**

We have seen an increase in parents/carers not using the turning circle correctly. Please ensure you pull up at the designated section. Parents/carers should not be dropping children next to the green fence as this results in pupils crossing directly in front of other vehicles. Allowing pupils to exit vehicles which are not in the designated zone puts the children at risk from other cars and buses. Parents/carers should wait for the designated zone to be available before allowing children to exit the vehicles. Parents/carers should be wearing masks if they intend to step out from their vehicles.

**Photograph C - Correct place to drop off (attached)**

The speed limit in the turning circle and main car park is 5 MPH. This speed limit is set in the interest to ensure the safety of all members of the community.

The government guidelines continue to advise schools to actively promote cycling and walking as alternative methods of transport. During winter months, pupils should wear reflective clothing or accessories to maximise safety on the roads and pavements.

We understand that it can be difficult to park safely, especially at peak times, but please endeavour to pull up and drive considerately and with due regard for the safety of others. Your support on this matter is very much appreciated.

**Self Isolation Reminders**

- Do not leave your home for any reason.
- Do not go to school, work, or visit a public place.
- Do not travel in a taxi or on public transport.
- Do not go outside to exercise. You can exercise at home or in your garden.
- Do not go shopping
- Do not have visitors to your house except for those providing essential care.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for supporting all of the protective measures we have in place, and also the pupils who are being so resilient and the staff, who are working above and beyond to continue providing high quality during this challenging situation.

Yours sincerely



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