





22nd October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will know, South Yorkshire will move into Tier 3 from 00.01 Saturday 24 October, reflecting the new tiered approach to Covid protection measures.

We know that lots of parents have asked what this means for schools, and I wanted to write to confirm that we will continue to be open as normal this week, with school closed for half-term next week, and returning on 2nd November 2020.

The Government has made clear that schools in Tier 3 should remain open and so your child should come into school as normal.

As you know, at Caste Academy we have implemented a range of Covid measures to ensure the school continues to be as safe as it can be. We continue to follow all Government guidelines to the letter, and want to stress that the safety and wellbeing of children, families and staff will always be our very first priority.

What to do if your child has COVID symptoms

As before, we ask that you only send your child into school if they are well. If they have any of the COVID symptoms (a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; loss of taste or smell) they should not come into school and you should arrange for them to be tested.

Anyone coming into contact with someone with COVID should self-isolate for 14 days.

As we approach the half-term break, I want to stress how impressed the whole team has been with all of our pupils – they have behaved responsibly and maturely in following all the measures we have put in place. We will, of course, continue to keep these measures under review, and will continue to do everything possible to keep the school environment safe and supportive for all.

I understand that this is an unsettling time for everyone, and I'd like to thank all of our families for their ongoing support. As ever, please do get in in touch in the usual way if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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