

Further Information – 14th October 2020

Dear parents, carers and families of Weavers Academy

Two **single incidents** of Covid-19 have been confirmed at the school as you know from my letter, one on Monday 12th October 2020 in Year 12 and the other on Tuesday 13th October 2020 in Year 7.

I want to reassure you that the school liaised closely with the Department for Education and has followed the advice and guidance provided. In both instances, I can confirm that no year group had to be fully closed although a relatively small number of students in Year 7 and Year 12 are currently self-isolating as a precautionary measure.

As you are aware the school has put in place a comprehensive system of control and preventative measures in order to do everything possible to ensure that the school is as safe as possible for all site users.

These preventative measures include the following:

- grouping students into year group 'bubbles';
- zoning year group 'bubbles' in specific areas of the school to reduce movement;
- staggering the start and finish time of the day for students to avoid large numbers of students gathering in one place;
- minimising contact and mixing between year group 'bubbles' including by:
 - reducing lunchtime to 30 minutes;
 - reducing student movement around the school;
 - creating a staggered start and end to the day for students;
 - creating staggered break and lunchtime;
- arranging classrooms appropriately, for example with forward facing desks; establishing social distancing measures;
- enhanced cleaning arrangements, and
- hand sanitisation stations at multiple locations on site to support good hygiene.

The school's Covid-19 risk assessment is regularly reviewed and updated and can be viewed on the school website by following the link below:

<https://www.weaversacademy.org.uk/home/parents/covid-19-risk-assessment>

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 **they must not come to school** and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared.

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

If your child has a positive test result, you must ring the school and ask to speak to the school attendance office.

Please also let the attendance office know when your child has recovered, is Covid-19 free and is planning to return to school.

What you can do to support the school: summary

- Keep the school informed if your child(ren) is/are self-isolating or if they have a positive test confirmed.
- Keep the school informed when your child(ren) have recovered and are planning to return to school.
- Provide a face covering(s) to your child/ren for use when moving around the academy and when in the communal spaces.
- Emphasise the importance of remaining in the 'bubble zone' and allocated social space to your child/ren in order to reduce the number of social interactions across 'bubbles' as this is an important preventative measure;
- Remind your child/ren about the importance of social distancing on the way to and from school;
- Remind your child/ren about the specific gate that they should use for entry and exit to the school site;
- Remind your child/ren to check that they have their own equipment each day;
- **Avoid arriving at school too early**. Please arrange for your child/ren to arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before their allocated start time;

As parents, carers and families of the school we thank you for your continued support in working with us in order to minimise potential risk.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school to speak to me.

Yours sincerely

Vivien Swaida

Principal