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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the half term holiday we would like to celebrate with you the many achievements of our excellent students. The return to academic life has been exciting and challenging and we recognise the resilience and determination shown by our students.

Attendance has been good and the students have adapted very quickly to the new COVID-19 safety procedures. They move around the academy in a calm manner, regularly sanitise their hands, socially distance from other Year Group bubbles and have adapted to wearing their masks; we are incredibly proud of them.

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 students who have proved extremely resilient and have settled in quickly to secondary school life.

Uniform expectations have been met and for the small minority of students that have not met the requirements, we are grateful to parents and carers for your support to rectify such issues swiftly. As the wearing of face coverings continues to be compulsory please ensure your child brings two face coverings to the academy each day.

While it remains important that your child attends the academy every day, if the need to self-isolate arises, they will be provided with work either via our Frog system or printed work will be sent home if this arrangement has been established.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in keeping unwell children with COVID-19 symptoms at home and for collecting your children promptly from the academy when requested. Families can book tests fairly easily now and results are often back in 24 hours. In these circumstances, please continue to self-isolate yourselves, your child and other siblings in the household at home until a negative result is received.

Coronavirus Tests - Use the link to help you locate a test:

<https://www.leedscg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-where-to-go-for-testing/>

We closely monitor handwashing, social distancing where possible and the wearing of face coverings, and would ask you to reinforce the importance of these actions outside of school also.

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Positive Tests:

The academy is closed for the half term holiday from Monday 26th October and students return on Monday 2nd November 2020. During the half term holiday, we still need you to please report any positive COVID test results in your household via info@cockburnjohncharles.org and please provide the following details:

- Your child's name & Year Group
- Any siblings
- Their last day in school
- Date symptoms started & what they were
- Date of positive test
- Any other household members who have tested positive
- Social contacts: other children who travelled to & from the school with your child, sat with during break or lunch time.

Your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or the date of the test if they had no symptoms. All other direct contacts and household members will need to self-isolate for 14 days.

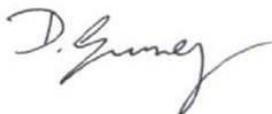
Reducing Risks:

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with becoming ill with COVID-19.

- Wash hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- Wear a face covering when in public/communal areas and if maintaining 2 metre distancing is not possible
- Wash hands as soon as possible after arriving home
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve (not hands) when coughing or sneezing
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash hands afterwards.

We thank you for continuing to follow all of the government guidance and wish you all the best for a healthy and restful half term holiday.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Gurney
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