

# Covid-19 School Update

## Monday 2 November 2020

### **Procedures in case of emergency bubble closure**

Unfortunately half term saw cases of Covid - 19 in and around the Kingsmeadow Community. Just before half term we were forced to collapse Yr 11 and students were sent home. This experience led the school to consider how best to deal with emergency closures in the future. While these are exceptionally challenging times for schools across the country, I want to make it very clear that my greatest concerns are:

- Keeping your children safe
- Ensuring they get access to a high-quality education
- Keeping the school open

Should the need arise again to collapse a bubble, we are seeking to minimise transmission and reduce the risks to the wider community.

Recent events have highlighted the need for us to act quickly but also safely. To this end your child has been issued with a letter today seeking your consent that, should we be faced with the need to quickly send a year group bubble home, we can do so in the knowledge that your child will be safe to get home.

Clearly, the younger the student, the harder this may be and we will always make provision for students to be kept on site until they can be collected, should this be required.

We would always make parents aware before any such action was taken.

Please could I ask that you complete the linked form online via the school website, Update Blog. The letter does have a paper version if you are unable to complete the form online.

### **The suspension of Aspire Tuesday activities from 3 November 2020 until further notice**

A reminder that as of Tuesday 3 November Year 7 Aspire Tuesday activities will be suspended and all buses will be leaving the school site at 1:55pm. This does not impact on any other week day, where buses will continue to depart at 2:45pm.

If your child wishes to remain in school to complete independent study or homework, facilities have been made available for them to do so until at least 2:45pm. They will then have to make their own way home.

If you have questions about anything in this latest Update Blog, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I would like to wish you well and I hope you and your family stay safe and well in these difficult times.