

## Communitas Education Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you are well and that you are coping with the uncertainty that surrounds us all at the moment. We are writing following the Prime Minister's announcement last weekend regarding a second national lockdown beginning from this Thursday – 5 November 2020. As you will be aware, schools will not be closing and children will still be expected to attend as usual unless they are unwell or isolating.

We would like to reassure you that we are working hard to ensure that schools are both as safe as possible and provide an enjoyable education experience. Headteachers, governors and trustees are continuing their regular reviews of practices, structures and risk assessments so that we are able to run as 'normally' as possible. Schools are working with the guiding principles previously described in order to keep children, families and staff safe.

The trust has continued to manage this complex situation well and, as a result, we have had only two confirmed cases of Covid-19 in children and one of these resulted in a year group having to isolate. No staff have had a positive test result.

We need to be aware that the situation is moving rapidly and that the government may issue different guidance for school in the future. We will keep you updated as soon as possible if the situation does change.

Headteachers will be writing to you this week to add specific details around practices, structures and organisation for each school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do get in contact with your school.

With best wishes,

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