

2nd November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you

When we wrote to you in July we started by thanking you for your support during the period of time when schools were partially closed. Once again we would like to start this letter by thanking you for your support in ensuring that the vast majority of Pathfinder Pupils are back in school and learning. We were delighted that last term attendance at Pathfinder Schools was well above the national average figures of 90% for Primary and 82% for Secondary aged pupils. We have been so proud of the way our pupils have settled back into school.

We would also like to thank you for supporting us to keep our communities safe by letting us know immediately if there has been a positive test within your close contacts, isolating whilst you wait for test results and getting a test immediately if any members of your bubble displays symptoms of COVID 19. It is now even more vital that you continue to do this. [Advice from the NHS can be found here.](#)

COVID 19 Updates

As I'm sure you are aware from Thursday 5th November Government Guidelines are now enforcing new National restrictions. More information can be found [HERE](#).

We are pleased that the guidance for schools is to remain open and to continue to adhere to our risk assessments stringently. Updated guidance for schools will no doubt be forthcoming this week, we will of course keep you updated.

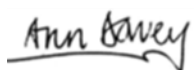
As we have done throughout the pandemic it is vital that we continue to work together to keep our communities safe and to ensure that the maximum number of pupils can continue to attend our schools. Please continue to be vigilant in following the government guidance and make sure you follow the Pathfinder Schools advice which is attached to this letter.

School Activities

Our schools are doing an amazing job of adapting to our ever changing COVID world and many of you have already experienced virtual parents' evenings, Harvest events and homework via a variety of learning platforms such as TEAMS, Class Dojo, Purple Mash. It's vital that we all become accustomed to using these so that we are ready should a bubble have to work from home for a short time. We've already experienced this in some of our schools and both pupils and parents have done an amazing job of ensuring that learning continues wherever we are – keep up the good work.

We will continue to adapt as much as possible to ensure that our pupils can continue to learn and thrive during this challenging time. Rest assured at all times safety and the well being of our pupils and staff are our first priority and will remain our guiding principle as the situation evolves.

Together we will ensure that our community stays as safe as possible and our pupils continue to learn. Thank you.



Ann Davey
Chief Executive