

# Glebe School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare to take a two-week half-term break, I wanted to update you on school developments since we returned in September and some changes that will take place after the holiday.

Nearly all pupils have made a successful return to Glebe this term with attendance being broadly similar to pre-pandemic levels. It has been heart-warming to see them all so eager to be back in school and making up for lost time and back in the classrooms learning. Understandably, we cannot offer our usual wider trips and visits curriculum but the extra revision clubs have been well attended. In particular, I urge parents and carers of year 11 pupils to continue to do this.

You will be pleased to know that we continue to follow strictly our covid-19 risk assessment and regularly update it according to government announcements. A copy of this can be found on the school website. So far, and I touch wood as I say this, we have had no covid-19 confirmed cases amongst pupils and staff. This has ensured that we have been able to offer a full curriculum and so it is, to a certain extent, business as usual. We may just be fortunate but I also know that without the professionalism and diligence of Glebe staff, who ensure the school is clean and as safe as it can be, the picture could be very different right now. I cannot thank them enough.

On Tuesday 20th October we were visited by Ofsted for an interim covid-19 visit. The visits are taking place right across the country and are not school inspections. The purpose of these visits is to gather and collect information that will inform parents, government and the public about how schools are managing the return to full education for all pupils following the Covid-19 lockdown earlier this year. Even though this was not an inspection, I am pleased to tell you that the visit went well and I will of course share more details of this when it is made available to me.

Following the latest government guidance, from after half-term Glebe staff are now required to wear face coverings when out and about in communal areas. However, this does not apply to staff when they are in classrooms and outdoor communal areas. It is critical that we protect the health and safety of everyone in our community and I thank you in advance for your support with this very important but necessary change.

As the colder weather is approaching, I am pleased to let you know that we will be offering the pupils a hot lunch option, as well as reopening a selection of lunch time clubs. These will be in place from after half-term.

I wish you all a happy and relaxing break.

Best wishes

Mr Ian Travis

Head Teacher

