

15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear families,

I hope that this letter finds you well. We are delighted to have the school fully reopened to all year groups and we thank you for all the support you have given us during this challenging time – attendance is currently higher than usual and the climate in the classrooms calm and orderly.

You may be aware that on 28 August 2020 the Department for Education (DfE) published guidance covering the responsibilities placed on schools in the event of further local restrictions. The guidance outlines a four tier approach. The school is currently operating under Tier One; fully open to all learners. Tier Two will ask secondary schools to adopt a rota system for the attendance of year group bubbles on a two weeks on, two weeks off basis. For Longdendale we plan to have two year groups in school for two weeks whilst three year groups are educated away from school. At the end of two weeks the other three year groups will return to school and the first two year groups will be educated at home. This will repeat until the school is instructed to move to a different tier. The home education will be in a different format to the summer term provision and we will communicate the full details once the planning is complete. I should stress that we are not aware of any intention to move to this model of schooling in this area but it is prudent that we draw up plans now to allow for swift implementation should it be required.

We are now in the process of planning for any changes in the delivery of your child's education should the school be required to move to a Tier Two. In order for us to do this most effectively I need a little information from you please. There is a link to a short questionnaire below where I ask about technology your child has access to, if they have a place to work at home and some details about the work the adults in the home do. If you have multiple children at the school please complete it for each child.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=PYXtMZuy\\_0OE\\_wu8V1Qn-PPxvM\\_5qRJNiq7P4j5TE01UOUhPNDYzRVMxTU1ETUFNQzBGUTIRQTNzNy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=PYXtMZuy_0OE_wu8V1Qn-PPxvM_5qRJNiq7P4j5TE01UOUhPNDYzRVMxTU1ETUFNQzBGUTIRQTNzNy4u)

This letter has been sent to all parents and carers. Some families may receive further requests for information to allow us to ensure all learners receive the appropriate support.

Yours faithfully



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