



Thursday 2nd December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to share with you my increasing frustrations about the current situation in school regarding Covid-19. We are doing our very best, however, the situation is becoming very difficult to manage.

I do not want to seem alarmist, but we feel it is important to make you aware of the confirmed case data for this half term and the local context:

Half term 2

Week	Student confirmed cases	Staff confirmed cases
1	3	2
2	1	0
3	3	2
4	10	1
5	8	1

If we were to compare school data to Birmingham as a whole it adds some context:

In the last seven days:

Birmingham

262 per 100,000

School Data

1,242 per 100,000

We already had a conference call booked in with Public Health England to discuss adapting our response to positive cases, however, due to the significant increase in cases, we have had to prioritise our immediate response to the increase in confirmed cases and symptoms.

It is important that the safety of our school community is at the forefront of our immediate decision making. As a result, we have booked in an industrial-standard deep clean to take place in school on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December. For those two days all students will remain at home.

I can reassure parents of Year 9 that we have reviewed and limited the rooms we are using today and have ensured that they have been the focus of our site cleaning team. The planned reopening would bring Year groups back in stages:

Year 9 and 11 – Monday 7th December

Year 7 and 8 – Thursday 10th December

Year 10 – date to be confirmed; we are waiting for confirmation from Public Health England.

It is essential, when all students return, that if they have symptoms or feel unwell, they should stay at home to protect everyone else from transmission.

We thank you for your continued support - your supportive messages and collaborative responses mean the world to us.

Take care,

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Clayton', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mr D Clayton
Headteacher