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27th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Covid-19 and Brambles Development Updates

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well and that you have managed to retain your sense of humour during the most recent period of lockdown, which comes to an end next Wednesday, 2nd December.

I continue to count my blessings as each week passes and I do not hear from any of our Foundry families in regard to testing positive for Covid-19. To date, our community has remained Covid-19 free where the vast majority of the other Wokingham schools have not been so lucky...

With just three weeks remaining until we break up for Christmas, it is imperative that we remain vigilant in our protective strategies of hand washing, sanitising, wearing a face covering and maintaining social distance, both at college and in all aspects of our daily lives. Our behaviours in these remaining three weeks will determine what Christmas looks like for us all. Consequently, the standards and expectations I wrote to you about for this most recent lockdown will be maintained until I advise you otherwise.

As Foundry College educates students from age 5-16 as one bubble, I have taken the decision that face coverings must be worn by ALL students, in the college buses. Within college, the primary aged students are not expected to wear face coverings whereas the secondary aged students are required to wear face coverings in corridors and communal areas. Face coverings may, but are not required, to be worn in classrooms.

If you have received advice that your child is extremely clinically vulnerable, please get in touch with us as a matter of urgency, so we can implement alternative learning arrangements; otherwise the full attendance of all students remains our expectation.

On a different and very exciting note, today is an historic day in the life of Foundry College. The Brambles development is finally complete, but for a bit of snagging. This weekend, the gap in the hedge that enabled us to create and use our temporary Reception will be fenced across and, with effect from Monday 30th November, our new Reception will be open. The carpark is for staff use only and from Tuesday the vehicle gates will be closed to public access. If you bring your child to school, you will need to park outside the premises on the road and come to the pedestrian gate, where you will press the buzzer labelled "Foundry". The gate will be opened for you to deliver your child to the usual staff member who will come out to meet you. As we remain closed to visitors, please do not come into Reception yourself.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns that you would like to discuss.

With warmest wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Blundell", written in a cursive style.

Jay Blundell
Headteacher