

To:
All Parents and Carers
Brighton & Hove.

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to thank you for all you are doing to support your school and your children during the pandemic so everyone can stay safe and keep learning.

Our schools have worked tirelessly for many months now. I am constantly reassured by what I hear of their plans (and amended plans) for keeping schools safe and open. I recognise that for some children, schooling has been disrupted by the pandemic despite the best efforts of school leaders.

Each school is different (the staffing, the layout of the buildings). Different steps need to be taken to ensure all are safe and can continue to learn in schools across the city. I understand that it can be confusing for different arrangements to be in place across different schools, especially for siblings in different schools. Thank you for your understanding.

You may have seen the [latest update from the council](#) including messages of reassurance and reminders. The general picture in the city is that numbers of Covid19 virus cases are much higher than they were earlier in the summer. This may change at any time but right now we are satisfied that we are at the right national alert level (Medium – Tier 1).

We must all remember the key steps to remain safe, especially during the coming half term week when our routines are different. [Advice and information is available on our website](#).

Please remember:

- To reduce your social contacts as much as possible
- You may not meet in a group of more than six people, indoors or outdoors, unless you're in a larger household or a support bubble
- Meeting people outside your household is lower risk than inside and social distancing is still crucial
- To meet outside wherever you can
- To keep your face covering on at all times when you're out and about but especially when there's a risk you can't maintain two metres distance from others not in your household or bubble

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Thank you for your ongoing support and have a good half term break.

Yours sincerely,



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