

James Elliman Academy

Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid Transmission levels within Slough

As we enter the Half Term Break, all Slough schools have been contacted by East Berkshire Health Protection Board and Slough Council, who are concerned with the level of Covid transmission within Slough.

The current level of confirmed Covid cases in Slough schools is low but every case contributes to the overall transmission level within Slough, so I am keen that we play our part in supporting Slough Local Authority.

They have asked all Slough schools to consider additional measures that should remain in place to reduce community transmission from the 1st of November 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021. We remain committed to ensuring the best educational outcomes for our children so will actively support their views.

In order to help contribute to reducing Covid transmission:

- Whole school assemblies with staff and children will move back to being online
- We will continue to keep children in consistent year group bubbles and avoid mixing at break and lunchtime as much as possible
- We will move parents' evenings to telephone consultations
- We will encourage parents/carers to communicate with us by telephone and only in exceptional circumstances will we ask you to attend our buildings. If you do attend then you will need to wear a face mask and follow distancing practices as suggested by Public Health England.
- We will ask our staff to wear masks when accepting children from you and returning children to you at the start and end of the day and would request you to do the same.
- We will pause participation in off-site sporting events within the local community
- We will no longer book off site activities in the autumn term and will review our position on trips already booked We will risk assess every off site activity next term to see if the trip is able to proceed
- We will not be able to hold gatherings of parents and children in the academy and mixing across year groups in the autumn term
- Should you attend an outdoor activity then we will encourage you to wear masks and observe social distancing

I truly hope you have a good break and we look forward to seeing you in November.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in keeping our staff and families safe.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs T Johal
Principal