

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Following the announcement from the Prime Minister that the country will be in a national lockdown as of 5<sup>th</sup> November, I am writing with a few brief clarifying how this impacts John O'Gaunt.

Fortunately, because we have been very thorough with our risk assessment and approaches, the impact on students at JOG will seem minimal in terms of the day-to-day operation of the school. Most of the guidance remains the same however there are a few key points to note, these are detailed below:

- Schools were given until 9<sup>th</sup> November to prepare for the changes and therefore the new measures will come into force at JOG from Monday
- **It is now a legal requirement that all students must now wear face coverings in communal areas unless they are exempt.** Whilst this aspect of the guidance is not going to be new to your son/daughter at JOG because we took the decision to do this from September, I would really appreciate your support in ensuring that your child has an adequate supply of face masks/coverings. If your child does not have one or loses theirs, they can purchase a replacement one from the school office. Reusable masks cost £1.50 and should be washed daily. Disposable masks cost 30p. I would also appreciate your support in reminding your children that they must abide by this rule and it is for the protection of both themselves and other families
- Visits to site must now be essential only, parents should not be on site for the duration of the lock down unless invited by the school
- As a result of the above, I'm sorry to say that we have taken the decision to suspend peripatetic music lessons. We will keep this under review
- Out-of-school activities can only be for the purposes of 'wraparound care'. For us this means that all after school clubs must be paused. Again, we will keep this under review.

Further information about the new guidance can be found here: [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm\\_source=7427a8d7-6fbd-4315-b29f-2c648cfb91a1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate#ooss](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm_source=7427a8d7-6fbd-4315-b29f-2c648cfb91a1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate#ooss)

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office at [jogoffice@excalibur.org.uk](mailto:jogoffice@excalibur.org.uk) if you have any queries. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support of the school and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



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