

# Sponne School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## RE: Sponne School Update

I hope that this letter finds you all well and that you managed to have a good half term week. We are looking forward to the new term though with the new lockdown about to start there is still considerable uncertainty and concern about the transmission of coronavirus and the impact that this could have on schools remaining open as they were last term. We have been fortunate so far in avoiding many cases or much self-isolation and we hope that this remains the case in the coming months. However, I have been hearing of schools who have had to implement a rota system due to the numbers of staff having to self-isolate and read an article at the weekend suggesting that the Government is advocating this model where there are outbreaks. I can reassure you that if our situation changed and this was to be considered at Sponne I would ensure that you were informed immediately.

With all this in mind can I reiterate how important it is that students and staff continue to follow the control measures that we have in place. The most important factor is for everyone to maintain social distance from others both at school and at home. Young people find this incredibly hard particularly on their walk home from school and at weekends and I would ask that you speak to your son/daughter(s) about this. In addition we must continue to wear face coverings at school in all communal areas and I am asking staff, and allowing students, to do the same in lessons. Please ensure that all children come with a spare face covering each day to school.

Should your son/daughter display symptoms they will need to stay at home and get a test. If they are having to self-isolate whilst waiting or if they test positive, then we will implement remote learning for them using the systems we already have in place via Google classroom. Please remember that their teachers will be continuing to teach their classes at school so the work set is unlikely to include live lessons. If a rota system had to be implemented then we would look to organise live lessons for classes that were not at school.

Can I thank you all for your amazing support during this period and if there is anything more that we could do for you or for your family please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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