



Date: 29th October 2020

### **Covid - 19 Update**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you will be aware, following my recent contact with you directly, of confirmed cases of Covid-19, within the staff group. There have been four in total. In line with guidelines from the DfE and Public Health England, we are not able, for confidentiality reasons, to disclose any further detail about positive cases.

We have worked very closely with Public Health England and Hammersmith and Fulham Local Authority, to identify contacts and implement track and trace, in accordance with national guidelines. This is so that the identified people self-isolate for fourteen days and reduce the risk of further transmission. If you have not been contacted, this has not applied to you.

We absolutely recognise concerns that you might have, and I would like to assure you that we have taken additional advice and support to implement further measures that will reduce the spread of the virus as we start the new term.

As some children and staff will still be self-isolating at the start of next week, Governors and the Local Authority are in agreement of this short extension to the half term break.

This means that school will resume on **Wednesday 4th November**. We will notify transport but I must emphasise that school will **not** be open on Monday 2nd, or Tuesday 3rd November, for all children and young people.

I appreciate that this is an unexpected change but I do hope you will understand the reasons and recognise that we did not take this decision lightly.

We will be implementing a range of additional preventative measures to further eliminate the risk of transmission of the virus. This will include all staff wearing PPE at all times when working with your son or daughter. We recognise that they are likely to be affected by this change and we will work closely with all to minimise any distress this might cause. We have completed deep cleans of all areas and will continue to closely monitor risks to make the school as safe a learning environment as we can.

There are likely to be further changes that will affect how we work at Queensmill, in addition to what has already taken place, and I will advise on these further in a separate letter.

If you have any questions, please contact either myself or the senior team, although please note that we will not be present on site for telephone contact until Wednesday 4th November.

Sincerely,

*F. Adu*

Freddie Adu, Headteacher.

