Dear Parent/Carers

Please find below some important messages regarding COVID:

* The Government has recently updated its guidance for schools and colleges, following the new national restrictions that came into force on 5 November. This includes the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people.  Government guidance for parents and carers has also been updated and can be found by clicking on this link: [what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fwhat-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak%3Futm_source%3D12%2520November%25202020%2520C19%26utm_medium%3DDaily%2520Email%2520C19%26utm_campaign%3DDfE%2520C19&data=04%7C01%7CDonna.Madden%40NelsonGroup.ac.uk%7C80637f5cf5984116150d08d88d3c8049%7Cec8185ce4f05448b828746c0185766e2%7C0%7C0%7C637414638271790887%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lC3jPtbGFlc8f%2B6tEf%2FINUX3EhoElDju2BPS7tmUowY%3D&reserved=0).
* In tutorials next week, we will be reminding students that they should be bringing their own, preferably re-usable, facemasks into college and not to rely on the college disposable ones which are both wasteful and against our sustainability policy.  In addition, we have had several complaints from our near neighbours regarding the number of masks which have been discarded on the pavements and roads in the vicinity of the college and we are reminding students of the importance of disposing of all litter, including facemasks, responsibly. We would be grateful if you could help to reinforce the message.
* On a different but important topic, we work hard to keep our young people informed about the dangers of radicalisation and how to help prevent this.  A new national ‘Act early’ safeguarding website has been launched by the Home Office which gives families information, advice and strategies about what to do if you are worried that someone close to you is expressing extreme views or hatred, which could lead to them harming themselves or others. The website is available here: [https://actearly.uk/](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Factearly.uk%2F&data=04%7C01%7CDonna.Madden%40NelsonGroup.ac.uk%7C80637f5cf5984116150d08d88d3c8049%7Cec8185ce4f05448b828746c0185766e2%7C0%7C0%7C637414638271790887%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=UHgIGvv%2B6btn4hm9Di%2Bg1EYB8J1h1th7%2BMes3OwYt8k%3D&reserved=0) -

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards

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