

2nd December 2020

Dear parent or carer

**Thank you for helping keep our school open!**

The school is open today because of everything you and the staff have done so far to keep children safe. We have all worked together, so your children can keep learning. And we know it has been difficult.

We're writing now because we still need your help. We have seen a recent rise of Covid cases in our county's schools. We need to keep doing all we can to keep the virus out of Coaley Academy.

**Here's what everyone needs to do**, to minimise the risk of catching and then spreading COVID-19.



**On your way to school, and at the school gates**, stay two metres from everyone else and wear a mask. This is the best thing we can all do to help stop Covid from spreading.



**If your child uses public or council organised transport to get to school**, and they are aged 11 years and older, then they must wear a face covering. Sharing a car with people not in your household isn't recommended at this time.



**When someone at home gets any Covid symptoms, stay at home and get tested.** Everyone in your household has to stay at home, **until you get test results**. This is called self-isolation.



**Keep your child at home if you have been told to.** If your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid, they have to stay at home to self-isolate for 14 days, even if they get a test and get a negative result – because the virus can still appear.



**What does self-isolation mean?**

It means not leaving home. Children and adults who are isolating must not:

- X go to work or to school
- X use public transport
- X go to the shops
- X go to the park
- X go into other people's homes and gardens or invite people into theirs

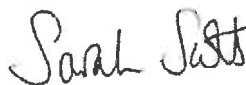
If you need help staying at home, ask friends and neighbours. If you don't have anyone to support you, contact the [Gloucestershire Community Help Hub](#) by clicking on 'Get help' and completing the form on the county council's website. If you don't have access to the internet ask your school to help or call 01452 583519.

Thank you for helping keep the school open!

Yours Sincerely



Headteacher



**Sarah Scott**  
Director of Public Health