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High Risk Tier 2 – what the restrictions mean for our school communities

Dear Parents and Carers,

From Wednesday 14th October, Rotherham, Doncaster, Sheffield and Barnsley regions all move into the Tier 2 category as determined by the government. I want to spell out for us all what this means in relation to our school communities. The James Montgomery Academy Trust operates from this local tier 2 area, and our staff, in the main, live in similar proximity.

Tier 2 is the High Risk category. This means that schools and work places will remain open, hospitality will continue with the current restrictions and the rule of 6 applies, but is limited to outdoor areas and social distancing must be maintained. This means that families from separate households can no longer mix. Once recognised in law, the rules, if broken, can be policed with financial penalties applied.

We have been categorised as Tier 2 because of the rise in transmission and infection rates in our area, and this will obviously be kept under continuous review. If and when we move to Tier 3, we will let you know what and how the changes affect you.

For now....

- You should continue to bring your children to school, we are doing all we can in our schools to limit the spread of coronavirus, and better protect the health and wellbeing of our staff and pupils.
- You should continue to stick to the social distancing rules applied and reinforced across our network of schools.
- You should remain responsible for your own household, and not place yourselves or others at any greater risk by mixing households unnecessarily.
- You should observe the rule of 6 while outdoors in your leisure activities.
- You should stay home, get tested and follow the government guidance if you or anyone in your household has coronavirus symptoms.

In supporting our schools in following these simple steps, we are all helping to stop the spread of the virus and better the chances of our schools remaining open to serve the families in our communities.

Thanking you for your continued support

Jacqueline Oliver
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