



Re: November Lockdown

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

I very much hope you have had a wonderful half-term and crammed in as much fun as was possible.

You will have heard the Prime Minister's briefing yesterday evening in which he announced a nationwide lockdown from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Happily, schools including St. James' remain open, but understandably there will be some pupil, parental and staff concerns.

Over the holidays the Risk Assessment was reviewed in light of updated guidance, with no changes necessary. However, with local cases on the rise and the announcement of a national lockdown, it is prudent that we again revisit our protective measures. I shall be meeting urgently with the Senior Leadership Team and we will communicate our recommendations to the St. James' community shortly thereafter.

We have produced a clearer 'COVID guide for pupils' which I would be grateful if you could review with your children. This summarise the measures already in place and will be reiterated to pupils tomorrow. As the local and national picture evolves, so too will our measures.

I thank you for your continued support in helping reduce the risk of COVID being introduced to our community. We must not falter in our approach or become ambivalent to the risks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Murray', written over a white background.

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