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Dear families,

I trust you have enjoyed a restful half term.

You will have seen the news that England is entering a second national lockdown from Thursday. This will be a concerning time for many of our school community, who are worried about the physical, mental and financial health of their families. Here are two important updates in response to the government's announcement.

### **1. Schools remain open throughout this lockdown**

The government is very clear that children must continue to attend school. For clarity, children in England must continue to attend school unless:

- They receive a letter from the NHS this week telling them not to
- They are self-isolating because they have developed symptoms of Covid-19, or a member of your household has tested positive for Covid-19.

We are also fortunate that Covid-19 cases are far lower in North Norfolk and indeed, the East of England than they are nationally. However, this is no reason for complacency. Norfolk County guidance can be accessed [here](#) and you may find our flowchart (overleaf) helpful.

We continue to have significant safety measures in place, such as year group bubbles and enhanced cleaning, to ensure that school is as safe as possible for your child.

### **2. Extra-curricular activities are suspended**

Government guidance is that non-essential activities should be suspended during lockdown. This means that we will not be running after-school clubs until lockdown is lifted. If you rely on these clubs for childcare then please liaise with your child's head of year.

Thank you once again for your support during this challenging period. We are doing everything we can to keep your child's education on track, and could not do this without you.

In readiness for the coming winter months, our heating is on but classrooms and corridors must still be well ventilated. To this end, we have placed thermometers in each classroom and staff have been instructed to allow pupils to wear coats on a room by room basis if the temperature in the

room drops below 16 degrees Celsius. Please note that we expect appropriate coats and not Hoodies. I readily endorse the wearing of school jumpers.

We will of course, keep you informed of any changes and please do contact your child's head of year or the school office [ca-office@inspirationtrust.org](mailto:ca-office@inspirationtrust.org) should you have any concerns.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming our pupils back.

Yours sincerely



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### Symptoms Flowchart



