

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are enjoying your children being back at school. It has certainly been very encouraging for us to see so many of the students back in Felsted, and getting on with their education, academically, socially, and with a wide range of enrichment opportunities as well.

We have prepared a [guide](#) for what to do in case of Covid symptoms or positive test result, which we hope will be useful for you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The government's so-called 'rule of six' was introduced on Monday, and we would ask that you adhere to this, to give the school the best possible chance of remaining open through the coming days and weeks. I know that for some, this is difficult, with 18th birthdays (and other significant events) in the calendar already, but we need to minimise risk outside school, so that we can continue to operate safely at Felsted, and provide a full education to all age groups.

Also, the government has given guidance on car sharing, and they are asking that people do not share lifts with those outside their household (or support bubble) unless absolutely necessary, because car sharing necessitates being in 'close contact' with one another and therefore increases risk, and would then require a period of isolation for anyone directly affected by the virus.

The testing system is struggling, and is likely to take some time to get working properly, so the more that we can all do to limit risk, the better the chances of avoiding further interruption to education.

Many thanks for your continued support, and the many positive messages that we have been receiving over the last few days.

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