

9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**RE: Actions To Combat Rising Rates of Covid-19 in Our Community**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are safe and well. We must all remain vigilant and not be complacent when it comes to the spread of Covid-19.

As a community, we have worked together fantastically to ensure our children can remain in school for as much as they possibly can this year. We have extensive measures in place at JQA as you are already aware and we will never be complacent around these.

We move towards the end of the academic year now and you may have seen in the news the rising rates of infection both locally and nationally. Unfortunately, due to this we must follow government guidance and postpone some of our planned trips, including our proposed Sports Day and the Year 8 Black Country Museum trip. We have worked hard to re-arrange our Rewards trip for winning forms to be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – a day after government guidance changes. We recognise that this may impact on Eid celebration and would like to remind our community that the expectation is to take only 1 day of absence for religious observance.

To guard against cases rising in the Academy, we are taking extra precautionary measures:  
**from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, all students will be required to wear face coverings in all indoor spaces.**

We hope you will support us in doing all you can to guard against Covid-19 by you and your family following all guidance in relation to distancing, face coverings and limiting contact with people indoors and your child doing their Covid-19 tests each Sunday and Wednesday and reporting results to us at <https://tinyurl.com/JQAtestathome> We will be giving all students more Covid-19 tests on Wednesday.

We all want to ensure our students can remain in school until Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July to continue learning and enjoy some of the end of term celebration activities and events together safely.

Yours sincerely



**Mr J Barton**

Head of School