

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to share our planning for keeping our primary and secondary schools open in the event of a local lockdown. The government has set out a number of scenarios for schools based on the level of covid-19 cases present in an area, these scenarios range from Tier 1 to Tier 4, [detailed government guidance can be viewed here](#).

The following summarises Turner Schools initial plans at this stage:

- **Tier 1** which we are currently in, means that all primary and secondary schools open following social distancing guidance.
- **Tier 2 will only impact the operation of secondary schools.** In a Tier 2 scenario, secondary schools will open to different year groups on a rotating basis to limit attendance on site to reduce the risk of infection. **Mask wearing will also be compulsory in communal areas in this scenario.**
- **Tier 3 will only impact the operation of secondary schools.** In a Tier 3 scenario, secondary schools will be open only to selected year groups (as determined by the government), vulnerable children and children of key workers. **Mask wearing will also be compulsory in communal areas in this scenario.**
- **Tier 4 will impact the operation of the operation of both secondary and primary schools.** In a tier 4 scenario **all** Turner schools will only be open only to vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers.

We will share more information as soon as possible with parents and pupils if Folkestone has a local outbreak. If we have to introduce rotas, partially close or close all together, we have a number of systems in place to support pupils with their continued education. These include our digital learning platform, Google Classroom and our online and telephone pastoral support. We will also ensure that those pupils with special educational needs receive frequent support from teaching assistants and teachers. Should the situation change in Folkestone I am confident that the systems we established in the first phase of lockdown will continue to serve our pupils well.

It is vital to inform the schools urgently of any issues that children have in accessing digital learning; such as a lack of broadband access or IT equipment not fit for purpose. Therefore could you complete this <https://forms.gle/GxBN4QAYW1xehHhf6>.

Schools have provided pupils with email addresses and have noted many parents' email addresses. However, it is critical that we have 100% coverage of parents email addresses. Turner Schools staff look forward to working closely with you all both virtually and in person during the Covid crisis and appreciate all you are doing to support us.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Seamus Murphy', written in a cursive style.

Seamus Murphy
Chief Executive Officer