ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Ref: Governmental announcement

Yesterday, the Prime Minister announced the COVID-19 Winter Plan setting out how national restrictions will be lifted on Wednesday 2 December. On this date, England will move back into a regional, tiered approach. There will be 3 local tiers of restrictions:

- **Tier 1: Medium alert**
- **Tier 2: High alert**
- **Tier 3: Very High alert**

These rules will apply from 00:01 on Wednesday 2 December. Current national restrictions must be followed until this time.

Since the summer, the government's priority has been to ensure that education remains open and we heard yesterday that in England, education settings will continue to remain open in all tiers.

We welcome this announcement and are confident that our infection control measures developed so far will continue to keep our school community safe, minimising interruption in learning, where possible.

Department for Education has today confirmed that it will be updating the guidance in the coming days to reflect how school settings should operate under the Local Restriction Tiers.

We also all look forward to understanding which tier our city will be placed in after 2 December.

As ever, I will keep you fully informed about the implications about any policy or risk assessment changes for our students' education.

In the meantime, I kindly remind you of the current measures applying until further notice, our risk assessment being available on our website and our covid@abbotsleaschool.co.uk operational 7 days a week for any notifications of positive diagnosis of Covid-19 amongst our students, their households and our staff team. Let's hope that, over time, we will have less and less need for it…

With kindest wishes

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