



8th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. I would like to thank you for your incredible resilience and support through this time; we know that it has not been easy but we are truly grateful for all of your patience, support and hard work.

I am writing to you to kindly ask that you now adhere to new guidance that Firbeck is introducing from Monday 12th October 2020.

I am asking that everyone that enters the school site wears a face mask, this includes the school grounds when dropping off and collecting your child. If you are exempt, please inform your class teacher and we will deliver your child if necessary to and from the front gate to you/their class.

I have not taken this decision lightly but due to the continuing increase in cases within Nottingham and the imminent likelihood of further restrictions being enforced, the school must consider and implement further measures to protect children, families and staff.

I have added some relevant data below for your information:

Reported on 7th October 2020.

Director of Public Health Alison Challenger said tougher Government restrictions were 'inevitable', and that with the number of cases in Nottingham doubling in less than seven days, it was time for residents to start following what they expected the new rules to be as soon as possible.

From today, residents in Nottingham City are urged not to:

- **Mix indoors with people from other households, unless you are part of a support bubble.**
- **This includes in your home, others' homes and at leisure and hospitality venues**
- **You can still visit venues but we (Nottingham City Council) ask that this is only with your own household/support bubble.**

- **The reason for using face coverings:**

Coronavirus (COVID-19) usually spreads by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. These droplets can also be picked up from surfaces, if you touch a surface and then your face without washing your hands first. This is why social distancing, regular hand hygiene, and covering coughs and sneezes is so important in controlling the spread of the virus.

The best available scientific evidence is that, when used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sem Cao
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