



Tuesday 23rd March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Following on from our letter last week please could I remind all families that although children have returned to school the lockdown restrictions have not lifted and the infection rates are still very high in this area. COVID19 is still very prevalent and we must all work together to protect each other.

Unfortunately we are hearing from some of our children that they are planning to visit family members, friends and other households after school and at weekends. This is not acceptable and puts the rest of our school community at risk. Children and their parents should not be mixing outside school or they are likely to be required to isolate for 10 days before returning to school. The rule of thumb is - does the roadmap say that it is acceptable? If not, it should not be happening. We had a confirmed case in school last week which has resulted in our first bubble closure since September. As you can imagine we are extremely disappointed in this as we have followed a very thorough and robust approach. It is vital that we all work together and follow the rules so that it does not result in further bubble closures, school closure, or even worse serious illness or fatality. It is clear that we all need to remain vigilant. School has a duty of care to all our pupils, staff and families therefore we have to share any breaches that we become aware of with the relevant partners.

On a separate note can we just clarify the guidance on testing. Lateral flow tests (quick response 30 minute tests) are only helpful in detecting asymptomatic people (no symptoms). These are being used by staff and secondary pupils. If a person has any symptoms relating to COVID (and the symptom list is growing) you must get a PCR test which will usually return results in about 24 hours. Free PCR tests are available through <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. If anyone in your household has symptoms everyone must isolate for a period of 10 days or until a negative test result following a PCR test. Please speak to Miss Grantham (attendance officer) if you have any questions or require further clarification.

REMINDER - You must wear a mask on the school premises (unless you have an exemption). School cannot afford to keep providing masks for those who 'forget' so you will not be allowed on the yard.

Thank you for your continued support. Any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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Planned Roadmap for England. Please note these dates are the earliest being considered and these could be pushed back to a later date if infection rates are still too high.

Lockdown easing: Key dates

- **Step one: 8 March**
Schools open. Outdoor after-school sports allowed

Two people allowed to sit together outdoors

Care home residents allowed one regular visitor
- **Step one: 29 March**
Six people or two households allowed to meet outdoors

Outdoor sports facilities open, organised sport allowed

Travel outside local area allowed
- **Step two: 12 April***
Non-essential retail and personal care open

Hospitality outdoors open

Indoor leisure eg gyms, swimming pools open

Self-contained holiday accommodation open
- **Step three: 17 May***
Outdoors most social contact rules lifted

Six people or two households can meet indoors

Indoor hospitality and hotels open
- **Step four: 21 June***
All legal limits on social contact removed

Hope to reopen final closed sectors of the economy

*Earliest possible date

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