



Dear Parents and Carers

School in the context of the new national restrictions in place from the 5th November.

Last night the government published the [guidance for schools](#) that applies during the new national restrictions. In essence, it appears that there is very little change from how we have been operating since the 1st September, however, there are a few things that I need to bring to your attention:

- 1) If you have been informed by the NHS that your child is classed as [clinically extremely vulnerable](#), then they should not attend school during this time and should access remote education from home. If you think this applies to your child then please contact the Trust SENCo, Fran Haywood, through school reception as soon as possible.
- 2) All other students should continue to attend school during this time. If you think that your son or daughter needs any additional support, then please do contact the relevant Student Support Team during this time.
- 3) It is now compulsory in all schools in England for students to wear face coverings outside of lessons. This is already in place at Kimberley but your support in ensuring that your children come to school with a face covering is greatly appreciated.
- 4) Students must continue to wear face coverings if they use commercial or dedicated buses.
- 5) Unfortunately, and somewhat confusingly, we have been told to pause all after school activities during this time. We will look to restart these as soon as we are able to. This does not apply to after school revision/catch-up sessions for Year 11 and Year 13.

Parents and Carers are asked to continue to observe these measures to minimise the risk of the virus spreading to staff and students:

- Please do not arrive at school without an appointment. If you do report to school without an appointment, then the receptionist will take your details through the intercom at the front of the school and arrange for someone to call you. Please understand that staff will conduct meetings with you online or over the phone.
- Please do not enter the school premises unless you have an appointment at any time. This applies to the times before and after school as well.
- If you drive your children to school, then please arrange to drop them off and pick them up well away from the school site.

This morning I took a call from the Broxtowe Covid-19 Information Officer who wanted to let me know that local shopkeepers had informed her that our students' conduct before and after school had been brilliant. The shopkeepers were incredibly impressed by the way the students conducted themselves safely and were also mindful of the safety of staff and other customers in the shops. She did say that she doesn't get the same feedback from other local areas! Once again your children are a credit to you, if they use the local shops then please do share this feedback with them.

Finally, can I ask for your help please. As you can imagine I have never had to try and keep a school open during a pandemic. I can only do this with your support and because of the fantastic staff, I

get to work with. Our staff are unable to spend time with their own extended families and friends at the moment but are mixing with children from nearly 1400 families every day. In their busy working lives, they can often lose sight of the tremendous work that they are doing and the positive impact they are having on our students. If you have any positive feedback you would like me to share with staff (individuals, groups or everyone) then please do drop me an email through office@kimberleyschool.co.uk and I will ensure that this is shared with them. Anything you can do to help my brilliant colleagues feel valued during these challenging times would be really helpful and I know how much they will appreciate any feedback you can give them.

Take care everyone, please do remember that if your children are struggling during these times then our Student Support Teams are here to help, please do not hesitate to contact them through school reception.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. George'.

Andrew George
Head Teacher