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Dear parents/carers,

As you will be aware, the Government announced last night that there are greater restrictions being enforced within Nottinghamshire. Our area has been placed in Tier 2 of the three tier system. This means that the risk level for Coronavirus in Newark is identified as being High.

Currently this doesn't change any of the protective measures already in place within school and schools remain open. There are tighter restrictions on people in terms of going about their daily lives.

We have put together an information booklet to help explain what these new laws are. Should you want to read more about the Tier System then please visit the Gov.Uk website for the latest information.

We are aware that many parents will be concerned about childcare while they are working and there is information about this within the booklet. May we remind parents that After School Club and Breakfast Club is only available for working parents as part of their childcare arrangements and is still not open to all parents.

If you are creating a childcare bubble then please ensure that Mrs Kent is aware of who the adult is that is collecting your child(ren). This cannot be several different people as the childcare bubble is exclusive to one set of children with one household eg one set of grandparents could only form a support bubble with one set of grandchildren from one household.

May we remind parents that only one adult should drop off and pick up children to and from school in order to reduce the number of adults waiting on the school grounds.

At the time of writing this letter, our total number of confirmed cases remains at one.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Regards,

Mrs C Kent



Local Covid Restrictions and Guidance



Please be aware that these restrictions are subject to change by the Government and Local Authorities.

From Wednesday 14th October 2020, these restrictions become part of the UK LAW.

This is for areas with a higher level of infections where some additional restrictions are in place.

This means on top of restrictions in alert level medium:

- you must not socialise with anybody outside of your household or support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 outside, including in a garden or other spaces like beaches or parks (other than where specific exemptions apply in law)
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-secure manner, other than those that remain closed in law
- certain businesses are required to ensure customers only consume food and drink while seated, and must close between 10pm and 5am
- businesses and venues selling food for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- schools, universities and places of worship remain open
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees
- exercise classes and organised sport can continue to take place outdoors. These will only be permitted indoors if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with or share a support bubble with, or for youth or disability sport
- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities that are open, for work or to access education, but should look to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible

You must:

- [wear a face covering in those areas where this is mandated](#)

You should continue to:

- follow social distancing rules
- work from home where you can effectively do so
- walk or cycle where possible, or plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport

Meeting family and friends

You must not meet socially with friends and family indoors in any setting unless you live with them or have formed a [support bubble](#) with them. This includes private homes, and any other indoor venues such as pubs and restaurants.

A [support bubble](#) is where a household with one adult joins with another household. Households in that support bubble can still visit each other, stay overnight, and visit public places together.

Informal childcare can also be provided via childcare bubbles. [Find out more about childcare bubbles in the 'Childcare' section below.](#)

You may continue to see friends and family you do not live with (or have not formed a support bubble with) outside, including in a garden or other outdoor space. When you do so, you must not meet in a group of more than 6. This limit of 6 includes children of any age.

Meeting in larger groups is against the [law](#) - with certain exceptions (see below). The police can take action against you if you meet in larger groups. This includes breaking up illegal gatherings and issuing fines (fixed penalty notices).

You can be fined £200 for the first offence, doubling for further offences up to a maximum of £6,400. If you hold, or are involved in holding, an [illegal gathering](#) of over 30 people, the police can issue fines of £10,000.

If you live in a High alert level area you also cannot meet indoors with people outside of the area, unless exceptions apply.

When meeting friends and family you should:

- follow [social distancing rules](#)
- limit how many different people you see socially over a short period of time

There are exceptions where people from different households can gather beyond the limits set out above. These exceptions are:

- in a legally permitted [support bubble](#)
- in a legally permitted childcare bubble ([see section on childcare below for more details](#))
- for work, volunteering to provide voluntary or charitable services (see guidance on [working safely in other people's homes](#))
- for registered childcare, education or training
- for arrangements where children do not live in the same household as both their parents or guardians
- for prospective adopting parents to meet a child or children who may be placed with them
- for supervised activities provided for children, including wraparound care (before and after school childcare), youth groups and activities, and children's playgroups
- for birth partners
- to see someone who is dying
- to provide emergency assistance, and to avoid injury or illness, or to escape a risk of harm
- to fulfil a legal obligation, such as attending court or jury service
- to [provide care or assistance to someone vulnerable](#)
- to facilitate a house move
- for a wedding or equivalent ceremony and wedding receptions where the organiser has carried out a risk assessment and taken all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of the virus – up to a maximum of 15 people (not to take place in private dwellings)
- for funerals – up to a maximum of 30 people. Wakes and other commemorative events are permitted with up to 15 people present (not to take place in private dwellings)
- for elite sportspeople and their coaches if necessary for competition and training, as well as parents or guardians if they are a child

- physical activity
- indoor organised team sports for disabled people, and youth sport
- support groups of up to 15 participants – formally organised groups to provide mutual aid, therapy or any other form of support (not to take place in private dwellings)
- protests – if organised in compliance with [COVID-secure guidance](#)

Other activities, such as indoor exercise classes and other activity groups can only continue provided that households or support bubbles do not mix. Where it is likely that groups will mix, these activities must not go ahead.

Where a group includes someone covered by an exception (for example, someone who is working), they are not generally counted as part of the gatherings limit. This means, for example, a tradesperson can go into a household without breaching the limit, if they are there for work.

Going to school, college and university

The government has prioritised ensuring all children can attend school safely, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians.

You can find out more about the [government's approach to education](#) and how schools have prepared. This is applicable in all the local COVID Alert Levels.

Universities have welcomed students back and we have [published guidance advising universities on reopening](#) to ensure they have safety measures in place to minimise the spread of the virus.

You can move home and travel to go to university but there are some stricter rules in place for areas in high alert level areas:

You must not move backward and forward between your permanent home and term time address during term time – subject to limited exemptions set out in law.

Students living at their university term time address in a High alert level area should follow the same guidance on meeting other people and travel as others in that area.

Commuter students (those who live at a family home and travel to/from university each day) should be able to continue to travel to/from their university as required, this being for education purposes. If you commute into a High alert level area to go to university you must not:

- meet people you do not live with in their home inside the area, unless they're in your household, childcare or support bubble
- host people you do not live with in your home, if they live in the affected area, unless they're in your childcare or support bubble
- meet people you do not live with in their student halls, whether inside or outside of the area, unless they're in your childcare or support bubble

If you move out of, or currently live outside of, an affected area you should not:

- host people you do not live with in your home or student halls if they live in a High alert level area (unless they're in your household, support bubble or childcare bubble)

The following people can provide childcare support in private homes and gardens:

- Registered childcare providers, including nannies
- People in your support bubble
- People in your childcare bubble (a childcare bubble is where someone in one household provides informal (unpaid/unregistered) childcare to a child aged 13 or under. For any given childcare bubble, this must always be between the same two households).

Family 1 Grandchildren

Grandparents



Grandparents look after their grandchildren from Family 1 after school every day.



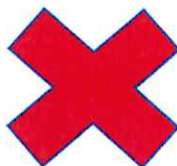
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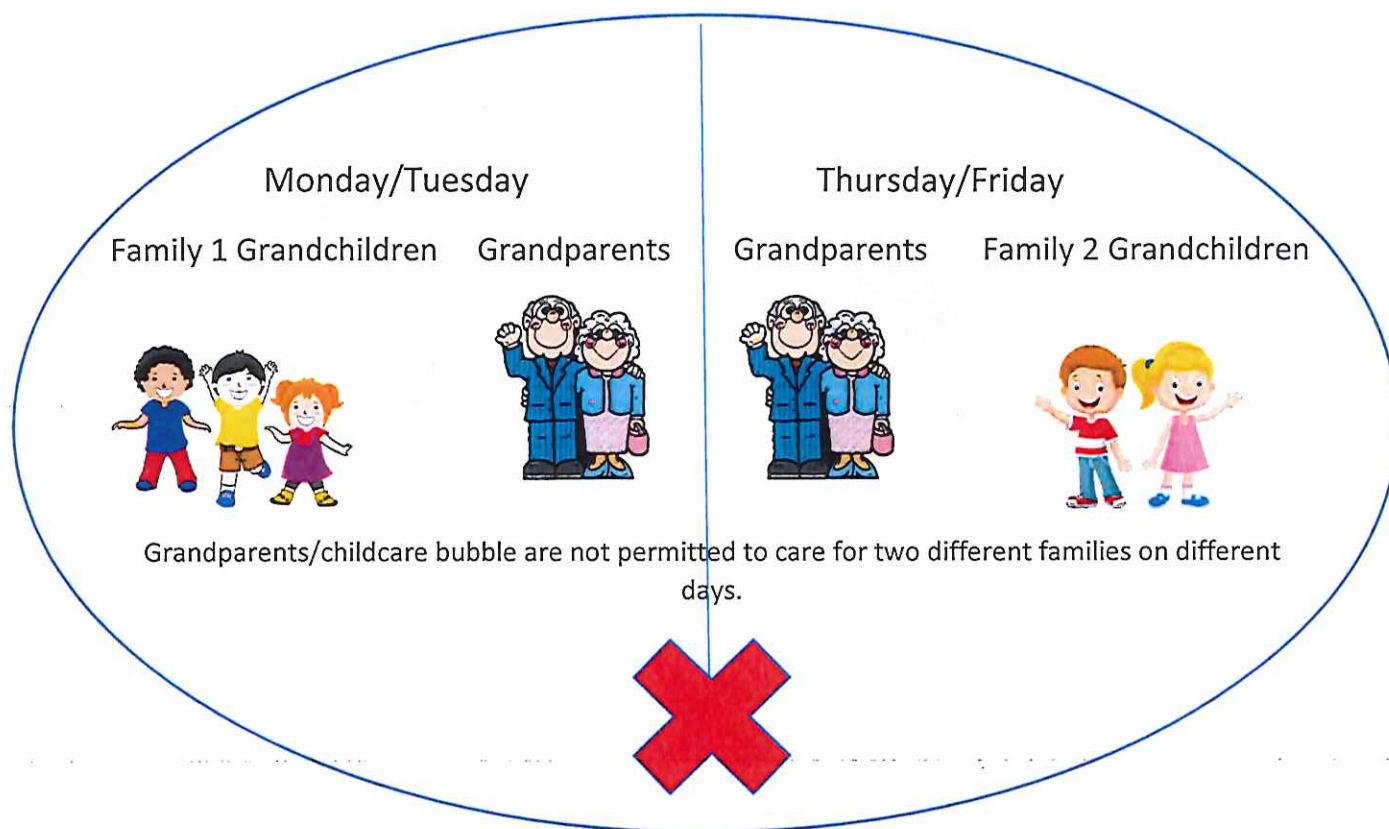
Grandparents

Family 2 Grandchildren



Grandparents/childcare bubble are not permitted to look after children from two different families.





Friends or family who do not live with you and are not part of a support or childcare bubble must not visit your home to help with childcare. Childcare bubbles are to be used to provide childcare only, and not for the purposes of different households mixing where they are otherwise not allowed.

The tiers of restriction for education and childcare, summarised in [annex 3 of the contain framework](#) and in [guidance on higher education](#), are separate to the local COVID alert level framework. Decisions on any restrictions necessary in education or childcare settings are taken separately on a case-by-case basis in the light of local circumstances, including information about the incidence and transmission of COVID-19.

What a support bubble is

A support bubble is a close support network between a household with only one adult in the home (known as a single-adult household) and one other household of any size.

This is called making a 'support bubble'.

Once you're in a support bubble, you can think of yourself as being in a single household with people from the other household. It means you can have close contact with that household as if they were members of your own household.

Support Bubble



A single adult household joins family of 4 as his/her support bubble.



Support Bubble



A single adult household is not permitted to join a family of 6 as his/her support bubble.



Support Bubble



Although there are 6 people within this bubble, couples living in the same household should not form a support bubble with another family.



Support Bubble



A single adult household with a child under the age of 18 (before 12th June 2020) can form a support bubble with another family, provided they stick to the rule of 6.



Once you make a support bubble, you should not change who is in your bubble.

Continue to follow [social distancing guidance](#) with people outside of your household or support bubble. This is critical to keeping you, your family and friends as safe as possible.

If you're a single-adult household, you can form a support bubble with another household other than the one that includes your child's other parent.

If you're not a single adult household, you can form a support bubble with a single-adult household other than the one that includes your child's other parent.

Try to limit travelling far to make a support bubble

The government recommends that you form a support bubble with a household that lives locally wherever possible. This will help to prevent the virus spreading from an area where there might be a higher rate of infection.

Do not change your support bubble

From 14 September, if you form or continue in a support bubble, you cannot then change your support bubble. It does not have to be the same support bubble you may have been in previously.

If someone in your support bubble develops coronavirus symptoms or tests positive

If anyone in your support bubble [develops symptoms](#) or tests positive for coronavirus, follow the [stay at home guidance](#).

If you share custody of your child, and you and your child's other parent are in separate bubbles, members of both bubbles should stay at home if someone develops symptoms.

This is critical to controlling the virus, as it will help to stop it spreading across multiple households.

Visiting other venues, including shops, restaurants, pubs and places of worship

Venues following [COVID-19 secure guidance](#) can host more people in total, but no one must mix indoors with anyone who they do not live with (or have formed a support bubble with) unless exemptions apply. Outdoors, you can meet in groups of up to 6 people.

This includes in:

- pubs and restaurants
- shops
- leisure and entertainment venues
- places of worship
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At least one person in your group should give their contact details to the venue or check in using the official NHS COVID-19 app so [NHS Test and Trace](#) can contact you if needed.

