



NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY

We believe in creating a community empowered with the qualities, skills and qualifications to enter the next phase of life with confidence and ambition.

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Dear parents and carers

YOU MUST NOT COME TO THE NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY SITE IF...

- You are displaying *any* of the symptoms of Covid-19.
- You have tested positive for Covid-19 within the last 10 days.
- You live in a household with someone who has *any* of the symptoms of Covid-19.
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You will no doubt have been pleased to hear the Government's announcement on Monday that the next stage of 'unlocking' can proceed from Monday 17 May. This letter clarifies how this announcement will affect the day to day operation of the school.

Face Coverings

For schools, the biggest news is that face coverings will no longer be mandatory for pupils in communal areas, including classrooms **from Monday 17 May 2021**.

However, any pupils and staff that wish to still wear a face covering may do so.

Additionally, if staff need to move out of the teaching zone in their classroom to assist a pupil, we will ask that both the member of staff and the pupil temporarily wear a face covering. For this reason we would still like pupils to bring their own face coverings to school.

Controlling the Virus

It is still the case that many people display no symptoms of having Covid-19 and are unaware that they are spreading it.

To avoid that situation, and the consequent disruption to education, there are still a range of control measures in school that all staff, pupils and visitors need to follow:

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All pupils must wash their hands using soap and water, for at least 20 seconds, far more frequently than usual.

When they cannot use soap and water, they must sanitise their hands using the numerous dispensers we have installed on site.

They should do this when they:

- Arrive on the academy site.
- Finish using the bathroom.
- Enter and exit the buildings.
- Enter and exit classrooms.
- Before or after food



Any pupils (apart from those that are exempt) using public transport will still need to wear a face covering whilst travelling.

We will also ask staff and pupils to wear face coverings when close support is being provided.



All pupils must remain at least 2m from each other whenever possible and should *always* aim to be more than 1m apart.

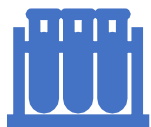
When this is not possible – for example, when they are seated in classrooms – they must avoid being face-to-face.

Pupils find this most difficult at break and lunch times. With the relaxation of the rules on face coverings this becomes more important.



Classrooms and corridors will remain well ventilated.

Pupils may wear a coat if they are feeling cold.



Pupils and staff will continue to receive supplies of Lateral Flow Testing kits to use at home.

Please use these twice a week (we suggest Sunday evening and Wednesday evening) and register the results of your test at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

If your child does test positive using a home test kit, please inform the school immediately. They and their household must self-isolate for 10 days.

However, you can confirm the result by taking a PCR test within 48hrs of the result. If this is negative, it will override the initial positive test and the pupil can return to school.

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We will continue to operate year group bubbles for all lessons, outside spaces and the use of our dining facilities.

This also means that the staggered start and end times to the school day will remain in place.

Yours faithfully

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David Tungate
Principal
Nottingham Girls' Academy

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