



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 may have read that Nottingham has the 5th highest number of instances of the new Indian variant of Covid-19 in the country.

Yesterday, two local schools have announced mass testing programmes amid an increase in Covid cases – including cases of the new variant in one of them.

I am therefore writing to reaffirm our control measures and make an important temporary change regarding face coverings.

For next week we will be reintroducing the expectation that all pupils and adults (except those that are exempt) must wear a face covering in all communal spaces – including in classrooms and outdoor spaces.

Our other control measures include:



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:

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



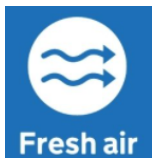
All pupils and adults (apart from those that are exempt) must wear a face covering in all communal spaces. This includes classrooms and outside zones.



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, which is why we have temporarily reintroduced the requirement for face coverings in outside zones.



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.



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.

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These will remain our operating procedures until further notice and confirmation that the new variant is no longer a concern in our local area.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Tungate
Principal

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