



Monday 9th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The country has now started a four-week national lockdown and whilst many businesses have closed and most people are working from home, schools will remain open. This is an urgent message asking all parents to adhere to the new laws that came into place last Thursday 5th November, until Wednesday 2nd December.

We continue to work hard to do everything possible so that the Thornhill school community: families, children and staff remain as safe as possible. As cases of Coronavirus continue to rise, it is more important than ever that we all continue to do our bit and follow all of the health and safety measures in place.

Face Masks

This morning several parents were not wearing face masks, and when approached many said they were exempt. Whilst I cannot ask parents to 'prove' their exemption, I am requesting that all parents who are not wearing a face mask DO NOT stand on the pavements directly outside the school gates. You should maintain 'good social distance', preferably on the other side of the road/pavement. I would appreciate your cooperation in this because parents and staff are very concerned when they see some parents in 'groups' talking closely together and/or not wearing face masks/coverings.

Meeting up / Socialising / Playdates

The guidance from the government states:

- You must not meet people socially. However, you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with, your [support bubble](#) (or as part of a childcare bubble), or with **one other person**.
- You should minimise time spent outside your home.
- When around other people, stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household - meaning the people you live with - or your support bubble. Where this is not possible, stay 1 metre apart with extra precautions (e.g. wearing a [face covering](#)).
- You must not meet socially indoors with family or friends unless they are part of your household or support bubble.

I am therefore asking parents to please refrain from congregating in local parks as this can increase the transmission, putting staff and pupils at a greater risk than is necessary at this time.

It is very important that the different school bubbles are not mixing with each other outside of school unless it is with siblings or part of your support bubble.

I would appreciate your cooperation on this matter to ensure our school is a safe place for all - children, staff and parents, and we hopefully will not have to close sections of the school.

Please also see attached a letter from Cllr Richard Watts, Leader of Islington Council.

Kind Regards

Miss Lewis
Headteacher

