



BEESTON HALL SCHOOL

7th December 2020

Dear Parents,

The sense of relief, emerging from the second national lockdown, is rather less palpable this time round. With three cases and bouts of self-isolation we are determined to be more cautious than ever, and I would urge everyone to be more vigilant than ever regarding the Tier 2 restrictions, and all covid-19 protocols, both in and around the school, as well as beyond. In particular this relates to **lift sharing** (mentioned in the newsletter and separate policy attached), which should be avoided unless absolutely necessary.

There is also the matter of **Christmas cards and gifts**. While we encourage children, who want to, to exchange gifts and cards, the 'bubble protocols' will need to be followed. Therefore, could families follow this procedure to ensure transmission risk is lowered:

There will be a letter box in the Link in which children can deposit cards with a deadline of Friday. This gives time for them to be sorted and then, after the appropriate two-day quarantine, prefects can co-ordinate their delivery to form room in the various bubbles.

As the Christmas break approaches, could I respectfully ask that every member of every family do their very best to stick to these Tier 2 restrictions, in not allowing your children to mix with other households indoors. As sports clubs reopen could I draw attention to the fact that those who are involved in these activities will be mixing with children outside their normal bubbles, so extra care is needed.

Our determination to ensure schooling continues **at school**, in the New Year, means that I would ask you to stick to the national guidance over the course of the holidays and so have included the following advice and links below:

If your child is unable to start the new term because of covid-19, or any other illness, please let us know before school reopens on Wednesday 6th January.

If your child is in the same household as someone with coronavirus, your child must stay at home for 14 days from the first day the person with coronavirus had symptoms or had their test.

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus ([Symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)) they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared (or from the date they received a positive test result).

[COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) has information for households with possible coronavirus infection including easy to read guides in a number of languages.

[Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) has information for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus infection including an easy to read guide.

If your family is in need of support to help you through a period of isolation, please see ([Norfolk Assistance Scheme Coronavirus \(Covid19\) | Norfolk Community Directory](#)) www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk

Some residents are also entitled to a self-isolation support payment of £500. To help someone apply for this, or to find out more please click [Apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment - Norfolk County Council](#)

I salute the children, who have been hugely resilient over the course of the term in enduring the strictures of covid-19, and thank you profoundly for the parts you have played, too. Whatever private opinions might be regarding the timing, style and content of government advice, we must continue following it as the collective effort to keep on protecting each other through the three simple actions: **1. Wash hands, 2. Cover face, 3. Make space.**

Many thanks and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred de Falbe', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Fred de Falbe