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RE: Information update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to draw your attention to a number of points and would appreciate your co-operation in working with us.

Rule of 6

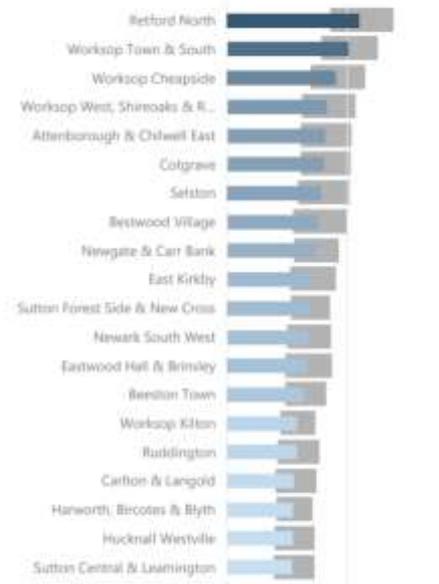
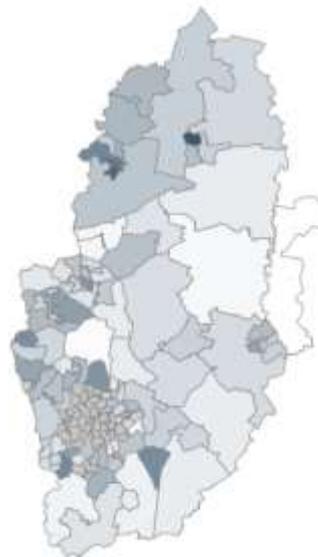
As you will be aware, the law has changed and it is now illegal to meet in groups of more than 6, whether indoors or outdoors, unless all members of the group live in the same household or are part of the same support bubble. For most of us, unfortunately, this means that we will no longer be able to visit/spend time with friends and family if the total number of people present is above 6. Unlike in Scotland, the group of 6 **does** include children.

This is another sacrifice we are being asked to make in order to keep cases as low as possible and keep school open for as many pupils as possible. We respectfully ask you to keep to the new laws.

Local Covid-19 Infection rates

The graphic to the right shows that the virus is amongst us here in Worksop. Whilst we are making every effort to keep pupils, staff and parents safe in the school environment, it does show the importance of following the law and guidance in the coming weeks, as 3 of the top 4 areas for confirmed cases in Nottinghamshire are in Worksop.

Confirmed COVID-19 rates per 100,000 population by MSOA



Top 20 MSOAs by rate of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population

Should I bring my child to school?

The guidance we are currently working under is that your child is still able to come to school if they have a runny nose and head cold. However, a new, persistent cough could be a sign of



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Coronavirus and therefore your child should not come to school and you are asked to arrange a test. We appreciate it is becoming increasingly difficult to access a test, but please contact school if you are unable to do so. We will help where we can.

Pupil Premium Eligibility

At this time of year, the government collect data from schools about the number of pupils on roll. This information determines how much funding the school receives. Part of the information we share is the number of pupils who are eligible for the Pupil Premium. The Pupil Premium is an additional fund that the school is able to use to help children from low-income families achieve their full potential. The amount we receive is significant and we want to check that we are receiving it for all eligible pupils.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they are already eligible for a free school meal, **but they may be eligible for further support** if parents/carers meet certain criteria. Please check the criteria below and contact Mrs Ward in the school office (01909 478886) if you would like some help to apply. Alternatively, you can apply directly to Nottinghamshire County Council by calling 0300 500 80 80.

There is a very simple process to follow and **you only need your National Insurance number to find out if your child is eligible.**

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

We would ask that you look into this as soon as possible, as applications will need to have been made and assessed **by next week.**

Yours faithfully,



Mr Phil Abbott
Headteacher

