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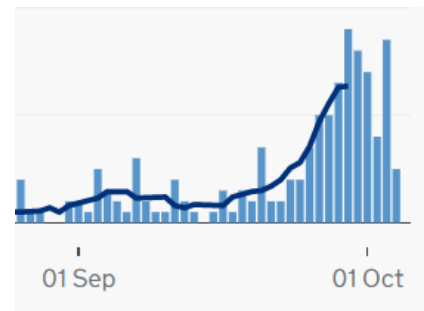
## RE: Covid19 update and other information

Dear Parents/Carers,

May I begin by thanking the vast majority of parents, carers and pupils for their brilliant co-operation in working together to keep us as safe as we can from Coronavirus. It has been heartening to see such a community effort.

### Covid19 in the community

As you can see from the graphic, the rate of positive Covid19 tests has increased significantly over the past week or so in Bassetlaw. It remains very important that we follow the guidance and laws in both the school community and in our own homes. Please continue to work together with your friends and families to get those figures back down and keep them there. Thank you.



### Poster Campaign

Our Year 6 pupils have been working on some posters designed to remind parents/carers, visitors and pupils what the rules are for social distancing on the school site. I set them the challenge a couple of weeks ago and ten of their winning designs are being turned into professional posters. They will be in place around the school site immediately after half-term.

Please follow their advice. By ignoring our polite requests to follow social distancing rules on the school site, there is a risk of Covid19 being spread across our school community, leaving us no option but to close certain bubbles, or even the whole school site. Please remember, if you do not live in the same house as someone, or they are not in your support bubble, you must maintain a 2m distance wherever possible. It is also essential that you do not let your children mingle with pupils from other classes as this undermines the class bubbles.

### Police Support

We are currently being supported by the police who are making regular marked and unmarked visits to Newgate Street and Holles Street, following complaints by local residents that some parents are not keeping to social distancing guidance and the Rule of 6 law outside of the school grounds.

We are in the hands of the police in that if they suggest there are too many people not following the rules at busy times of the day, we will be forced to change arrival and drop-off times for each class. This will certainly mean that some families will have to make multiple visits to school to drop off and pick up their children each day. We sincerely hope that we can avoid this situation and appeal for your support.



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Incredibly, some parents continue to persist in parking on the double yellow lines on Holles Street. Please avoid doing this as you are not only endangering the lives of pupils and their families, but creating a bottle-neck with people having to walk around your vehicles and reducing their opportunities to maintain social distance. Enforcement Teams have been requested to visit the site at busy periods to issue tickets to repeat offenders.

### **Pupil Survey**

We recently conducted a pupil survey for all children in Years 1 to 6 about their lockdown experience and how they feel about returning to school. There are some interesting conclusions which I highlight below:

- ✓ 97% of children told us they were happy to be back at school
- ✓ The children are divided as to how worried they are about Coronavirus. Many are either very worried or not worried at all
- ✓ Unsurprisingly, the majority of pupils are concerned about their family catching Coronavirus (61%), but that was closely followed by a fear of the school having to shut again (52%) and that they may once again be unable to see their friends and family in their homes (46%)
- ✓ 98% of children say they feel safe in the school environment (of whom 68% feel very safe)

### **Interim Pupil Reports**

Next Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> October), you will be receiving a brief report from your child's teacher, highlighting how they have settled back into school, at what level they are working since lockdown and what the school is doing to support them if they need to catch up. We will be arranging virtual Parent Consultations after half-term where you can discuss this report – and any other issues – with the teacher. We hope you will find this information useful.

Yours faithfully,



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