

5 March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we follow the government's roadmap out of lockdown and gradually resume our normal lives, it's more important than ever that we maintain COVID-19 guidelines, including social distancing, wearing a face covering where possible, and washing hands regularly.

The local authority, the police, schools, and the NHS, are working closely together to make the return to school next week as safe as possible. But in order to keep children protected and prevent the spread of COVID-19, each and every student and family needs to do their bit to support us.

With that in mind, there are some specific guidelines that school children, parents and guardians must adhere to:

- Limit the number of places your child goes – ideally one out-of-school space in addition to school
- Plan your child's journey to and from school in advance
- If using the bus, there are services dedicated to school children to reduce the mixing of age groups: more advice can be found at [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk)
- If your child walks to and from school, they can travel with **one person from their school day bubble or with a sibling**, but mixing with others and in groups is prohibited under current restrictions
- Prevent your child from mixing with students outside of school
- Ensure your child wears a face covering (for those aged over 11 and not exempt) in public spaces including shops, shopping centres and public transport
- Encourage your children to wash their hands regularly

Borough data will be closely monitored, including infection rates and vaccinations, and the local authority, the police, schools, and the NHS will be in constant communication to ensure our schools are safe places for students and staff. <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/>

We are relying on parents and guardians with children attending schools across Royal Greenwich to act responsibly and ensure their children follow government guidelines. Together we can help to fight the spread of COVID-19 and keep our community safe.

Thank you for your support.

The Greenwich Safer Schools Partnership

