



Principal: Helen Corbett

Dear Parents and Carers,

9 October 2020

At George Spencer Academy we continue to have our primary focus on maximising safety alongside creating an environment that gives all students the opportunity to learn, grow and develop. With this as our driving force we understand the importance of planning suitable learning models for 'blended' learning (when some students are learning remotely whilst the school is still open for other students) and 'flip' learning (when all students may need to learn remotely because the school has had to close). Both of these approaches are in place and we would contact you with the details of the remote learning offers as and when needed.

You will know from the media coverage that there is a real possibility that new local lockdown restrictions could take place in the county based on the rising numbers of cases within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. As things stand case numbers of COVID-19 in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire are indicating the government may bring in tighter restrictions.

There is a tiered system of restrictions that can be brought into schools as a result of any local lockdown and we would initially expect to be placed at tier 1.

- Tier 1 would mean the school continues to be open with 'blended' learning taking place for those students instructed to self-isolate following any confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Tier 1 would see mandatory face coverings needing to be worn by all individuals of Year 7 age and over when in corridors and other communal areas. The only people who do not have to comply with this legal requirement would be those who are medically exempt from wearing a face covering. The school would need medical evidence of this.

When a decision is announced by the government I will contact you again to make you aware of what this means exactly for George Spencer Academy, however the links below set out what the government guidance dictates for the different tiers of action.

- [New local lockdowns guidance: What schools need to know](#)
- [All possible measures to be taken before schools and colleges close](#)

Any change in local lockdown restrictions are not expected to impact on attendance and we would expect all students to continue to attend school as normal.

I wish you and your families well and should you need any support or have any questions that you continue to contact the school directly.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Corbett
Principal