



15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Further to previous correspondence, I am writing to update you on Covid related matters at Nishkam High School. You will all be aware that the return to school across the country has, unsurprisingly, resulted in an increasing number of Covid cases that has had the knock-on effect of many 'bubbles' needing to be sent home. This is, of course, also the case in Birmingham schools.

We continue to emphasise the need for our students in school to wash their hands regularly, wear their face coverings when in the building but not in their classrooms (though they may, if they wish, continue to wear them if it makes them feel more secure) and maintain their social distancing by adherence to our 'bubbles'. We expect in the coming weeks and months, there will be likely many others who test positive, just as being reported in many other schools across the region.

We also keep in constant contact with Public Health England (PHE) over any new Covid cases amongst our student population but I am sure that we can all appreciate how busy that service is at the moment and there are times when there is a 'time lag' between us reporting an issue and PHE being able to reply. Over the course of the weekend and yesterday, two further Nishkam students tested positive for Covid; both new cases involve students from year groups that are currently not in school and are, instead, self-isolating at home. We remain in close contact with our students affected by this virus and I am pleased to report that they are doing well at the moment.

Please be reassured that children from our school that are currently not attending because they have been advised to self-isolate will receive their education remotely through our on-line provision. I am very appreciative that many parents are now back in work and that we rely on the self-discipline, diligence and determination of our students to engage with the work in a purposeful manner. Your understanding and support in these difficult times is very much appreciated.

If you do have any concerns or would like to ask a question please do not hesitate to email [enquiries.NHSB@nishkamschools.org](mailto:enquiries.NHSB@nishkamschools.org) or call the school office on 0121 348 7660.

Kind regards,

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