



FAO: DNEAT Academies Parents/Carers

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write and thank you for your ongoing support in relation to promoting Covid-19 safety at our academies. As a result of your efforts, in combination with the hard work of staff and pupils in academies, the numbers of Covid-19 infections across the 36 schools in our Trust has been negligible.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to explain why some of your academies current ways of working must continue. You will be aware that national restrictions have eased from 17 May but as of yet this has only resulted in limited changes to the guidance for schools.

Some parents have questioned the need for bubbles to be maintained in schools, or have requested change in other areas at a faster pace. We will all have a view on this but as a Trust we are legally required to follow the DfE guidance in relation to Covid-19.

The guidance currently says that bubbles must be maintained and generally urges a cautious approach in terms of Covid-19 security. We will, of course, keep a close eye on this guidance and will be supportive of relaxing restrictions when it is safe and legally possible to do so.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Yours sincerely,

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