

Covid-19 Update Blog

Wednesday 25th November 2020

Following government guidelines

I would like to begin by thanking the vast majority of our students and their families for the way that you have supported the school and the local community during these difficult times. This has and continues to be an unprecedented year. I do though need to address a small minority who have unfortunately been brought to my attention that have not been following **Coronavirus (Covid-19) guidelines** and are putting our student body and their families in danger.

Last week we were informed that some students were not going directly home at the end of the school day and were causing a nuisance at the Monument in the centre of Dunston. Not only is this disrespectful and does not adhere to the values of our school and community at Kingsmeadow, but it is also placing students and their families in danger as we are informed that some students were not following **Coronavirus (Covid-19) guidelines** and remaining in their school year group bubbles or family bubbles as they made their way home. While we are very clear in school about students and staff following strict guidelines on the school premises, this is undermined if students then fail to follow guidelines in the community. Could I make a plea to all our families that you speak to your children and ensure they fully understand the importance of following the **government guidelines** and why they have been put in place.

In short, when students leave the school grounds at the end of the day they should follow the following:

- On leaving the school grounds they should make their way directly home.
- They should not visit a friends house, unless this is part of an extended bubble.
- They should be respectful and maintain social distancing at all times with members of our community outside the school grounds.
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If you have questions about anything in this latest Update Blog, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I would like to wish you well and I hope you and your family stay safe and well in these difficult times.