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Dear Sir / Madam

**RE: Covid-19 and Social Distancing**

You may be aware that this borough is experiencing increasing rates of Covid-19 infection. The Council is taking several steps to try and combat this, such as providing advice and information to businesses, visiting premises to ensure compliance, and running a communications campaign.

We are also monitoring the situation by gathering local intelligence (complaints and concerns about suspected breaches of Covid-19 controls). We have recently been made aware of large groups of young people gathering at local shops, not adhering to social distancing, and not wearing face coverings in relevant premises. Whilst in the case of individuals the enforcing of restrictions on gatherings and wearing of face coverings falls to the police, not the local authority, we will be reminding businesses of their responsibilities in terms of risk control within their premises (which we do enforce). This means that your pupils / students may find themselves turned away from premises if they are failing to adhere to the requirements. Our officers will also be monitoring parks and open spaces and reporting to the police any 'hotspots' where large groups of people are gathering.

You can find further information on 'meeting other people' at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>

and there is also a 'FAQ' at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

Information about when face coverings must be worn can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

I would be grateful if you could support our efforts in trying to control the infection rate by disseminating this information to your pupils / students.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours faithfully,



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