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Dear parents and carers

Thank you for your efforts to reduce the spread of Covid-19

We are writing to thank you for your efforts to reduce the spread of Covid-19 over the first half-term of the new school year. Cases of the virus in Nottingham are currently lower than elsewhere in the country – and that's thanks to the hard work of everyone in Nottingham to take steps to stay safe from the virus.

We are proud of the way everyone has pulled together: school staff, parents and our pupils.

Our schools have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to balance the important task of keeping children in education with managing Covid-19 outbreaks. It has been a challenging task and we hope everyone will have a well-earned rest over the holiday.

However, it is important to remember that Covid-19 cases are still present in our neighbourhoods and communities – and so we must continue to take steps to protect ourselves and others.

During the half-term holidays, please remember:

- **Everyday behaviour:** Keep applying 'hands/face/space/fresh air' – especially face coverings in busy, indoor spaces such as shops, supermarkets and public transport
- **Get vaccinated:** Getting double-jabbed is the best protection against Covid-19. We have vaccination centres all over the city. We would also urge young people aged 12-15 to get their vaccination as the programme rolls out across our secondary schools.
- **Test regularly:** At least weekly, even if you don't have symptoms, with a lateral flow test. If you feel unwell (fever, cough, loss of taste / smell), isolate and take a free PCR test.

In addition, we would ask that all secondary school pupils take a lateral flow test the night before they return to school after the half term holidays.

You can find out more information about Covid-19 testing and vaccinations on Nottingham City Council's website at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Yours faithfully

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LET'S GO **get vaccinated**
...so the kids can stay in school safely

www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine Hands Face Space NHS Nottingham City Council

Adult vaccinations in Nottingham

People over 18 can walk into any vaccination centre in Nottingham, without appointment, to get their Covid-19 jab. It only takes a few minutes. Two doses are needed for the best protection from the virus, taken eight weeks apart.

Some people may still get Covid-19 despite having a vaccination, but this should be less severe. The Covid-19 vaccine should help reduce the rates of serious illness and save lives and will therefore reduce pressure on the NHS and social care services.

Health staff are available at the vaccination sites to answer any questions you might have.

The two main vaccination sites in the city are:

- **Forest Recreation Ground** (reopens from 20 October)
Gregory Blvd, Forest Fields, Nottingham NG7 6HB
Available for all adults over 18
- **QMC Vaccination Hub**
South Entrance, A Floor, QMC, Derby Road, Nottingham, NG7 2UH
Available for people aged 16&17

If you had your first dose 56 days (8 weeks) ago, you can walk in to these sites for your second dose without an appointment.

People who are eligible for a third 'booster' injection will be contacted directly by their GP. This includes people who are over-50 and those who are clinically vulnerable.

As well as walking-in to a vaccination centre, you can also book a vaccination by visiting www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccine. This website has all of the latest information about the Covid-19 vaccine as well as frequently asked questions.