



# Nightingale Primary School

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## Step 3 of the Road Map

Dear Parents,

We hope that everyone is looking forward to the further easing of restrictions today: we certainly are!

Firstly, can I thank you for all your support in keeping the Nightingale Community safe, this includes: wearing facemasks on our site; minimising the amount of time you spend on site by working with our staggered starts and finishes; adhering to public health advice regarding isolations and engaging with your child's education albeit from a distance and/or remotely.

I wanted to take the opportunity let you know what Step 3 of the Road Map means for us from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May as an education setting. Unfortunately, for us as a school it means that very little will change. This is due to the sheer number of people we need to manage on site daily. I had hoped to move towards year group bubbles across the school rather than the class bubbles that we are currently operating. However, at this time, despite the vast reduction of cases locally, I do not feel confident. It's the difference between isolating 30 children or 60 children if we were to have another positive case. Department of Education guidance around this remains the same:

*'Maintaining distinct groups or 'bubbles' that do not mix makes it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate and to keep that number as small as possible.'*

As we progress through this road map, I would like to allow classes within the same year group to play outside together as this will enable children who have been deprived for so long of playing with their friends' 'next door' to rekindle those friendships. The time will come and we remain ever hopeful.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hannah Beckett  
Headteacher