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Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below three links which clarify the new restrictions affecting the North East, Gateshead in particular, and answer some frequently asked questions:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/north-east-of-england-local-restrictions

https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/16575/Covid-restrictions

https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/16574/Questions-you-may-have-about-Covid-19-restrictions

There are two particular aspects that could affect travel to and from school, which are necessary to highlight.

- 1.) You must not meet people who do not live with you, either indoors or outdoors. This means that students should not walk to College with other students or families who are not in their household bubble, or intentionally meet up with anyone outside their household bubble before or after College.
- 2.) You are advised not to share a car with those outside your household or support bubble. The guidance does not prohibit car sharing between households but discourages it and puts in place clear guidelines for this to be done as safely as possible. Please ensure that you and your children adhere to this, if car sharing cannot be avoided.

These new procedures have been clarified with students today as well.

Thank you again for your support at this time. It is by working in partnership that we will be able to abide by these new restrictions and keep our community safe.

Yours sincerely

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