

Notes From the Borough Council.

Councillor Daniel Grimley, Queniborough Ward

I hope everybody managed to enjoy the Christmas Break albeit under the Covid Restrictions that were in place at the time.

Since Christmas a further national lockdown was put in place last week.

National Lockdown Guidance

The new guidance says you should only leave home to:

shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person

go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home

exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.

meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one

seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)

attend education or childcare - for those eligible

Colleges, primary and secondary schools will remain open only for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. All other children will learn remotely until February half term. Early Years settings remain open.

Higher Education provision will remain online until mid-February for all except future critical worker courses.

If you do leave home for a permitted reason, you should always stay local in the village, town, or part of the city where you live. You may leave your local area for a legally permitted reason, such as for work.

If you are clinically extremely vulnerable you should only go out for medical appointments, exercise or if it is essential. You should not attend work.

Charnwood Borough Council Offices Covid-19 vaccination centre

Since the end of December a proportion of the Southfields Building has been used as vaccination centre. The feedback from the NHS is that the Centre is working well there are some teething problems that are being ironed out. It was reported that the centre was providing 40 vaccinations an hours.

Ward Member Grants

I have now awarded the remainder of the Ward Member Grant for Queniborough Ward. Charnwood Councillors as a whole agreed to award £500 each to be distributed by John Storer House to be go to local community groups affected by the first national lockdown. I have now awarded the remaining £500 to the Pochin School Parent Teacher Association in Barkby towards their project to provide a new garden area for pupils. In total they are looking to raise around £20,000. It is unknown at this point whether or not the Ward Member Grant Scheme will run next year.

Businesses urged to apply for Covid-19 grants

Businesses in the village affected by the Covid-19 restrictions are able to apply for support grants. As I am writing this the grants available are changing. I will post updates on social media. Details will also be available at www.charnwood.gov.uk/bsu

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