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Dear Colleague,

Recent Government Update – Public Transport

We hope this letter once again reaches you, your loved ones, and families/friends in good health. Following a recent government update, we are writing to you to explain the new requirement and how we plan to support our teams.

On 15th June 2020, the Transport Secretary [announced](#) that any person travelling on public transport will be required to use a **'face covering'** as per the new government [guidance and support document](#) issued 04/06/20.

Within the updated policy the government makes clear that face coverings are not the same as face masks and they ask that you do not use medical grade masks, so that they remain available for frontline staff. To this end, guidance on [how to make face coverings](#) is also available should any of you wish to make these for yourself or others.

Bertram Nursery Group has already procured a significant number of face masks suitable for use as a face covering. These are NOT the masks we understand are in short supply for frontline staff, these being the white FFP2 & FFP3 grade. We believe that the blue IIR face masks we can provide are suitable alternatives and we are happy to provide these free to any employee who needs to use public transport to get to work, and would like one, rather than having to make their own. Alternatively, there are many sellers of face coverings, one of whom [click here](#) we know is contributing 25% of proceeds to the NHS.

If your site is open, your manager will be able to access these masks from our supplier and will issue one per employee, replaceable once you feel the mask needs replacing. If your site is closed and you are asked to return, masks will be made available for you so you can return, please speak to your manager nearer the time.

For the avoidance of doubt, the expectation remains that public transport use should be avoided wherever possible; however, we understand and appreciate that for many of our employees, use of public transport is necessary to travel to and from work. Please therefore ensure you read and are familiar with the governments [safer travel guidance](#).

Once again, thank you and let us continue to keep each other and our families safe and well.

Kind regards



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CEO