



January 2022

Dear Parents and Students

I write as an update regarding face coverings in school and national changes to self-isolation measures.

Unless exempt, face coverings are now to be worn in communal areas only until Thursday 27th January 2022. From this date, face coverings will only be required when using the canteen.

Hand washing facilities and sanitizer are available at school; children are also encouraged to carry and use their own small bottles of hand sanitizer.

LFTs should continue to be taken twice weekly, as close as possible to social mixing. Morning tests are preferred to evening tests. Students should continue twice weekly LFTs at home on Monday mornings and again on Thursday mornings.

Students should wash their hands, or sanitise them, and proceed directly to their form base when they arrive at school. The library will be open after school for Year 11.

Case rates amongst students continue to rise. Since the start of term, we have had over 150 children absent with COVID-19 across the school. Years 12 and 13 will continue to be required at school only for their lessons. If they come in for lesson 1, then they would also be expected to be onsite for morning registration. Once they have finished their lessons for the day then they can leave the site (although facilities are available for students to stay on site to work during their study periods if needed). This reduces the number of young adults on site at any one time.

Children must not come to school if they are displaying any signs of COVID-19.

The school will continue to follow the national guidance on self-isolation, copied below. Please note, the day of a positive test result is day zero.

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).



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If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

As always, good hygiene and ventilation remain key to stopping the spread of the virus.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully

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