

15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We continue to be grateful for the important steps you have all taken in recent months to keep Covid-19 cases in our local area as low as possible. Over the last week we have seen an increase in the number of positive cases being reported and we need to be extra cautious to ensure there is minimal disruption to our students' education.

After discussions with Public Health and the Local Authority, we have been advised to implement the following:

- **Face coverings in communal areas**  
Students, Staff and visitors are recommended to wear a face covering. This will come into force with immediate effect from **Tuesday 16th November**.
- **Twice weekly LFD testing**  
Students will be provided with additional test kits over the course of this week to enable testing to be carried out every Sunday and Wednesday. If there is an increase in numbers within your child year group we will provide additional tests to enable daily contact testing to be carried out.
- **Classroom Ventilation**  
We will continue to ensure classrooms are well ventilated. All our classrooms are fitted with CO<sub>2</sub> monitors and windows automatically open if levels reach a certain point.

Should your child feel unwell or receive a positive result on a lateral flow test you should book a PCR test for them. This can be done via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. The main symptoms to look out for are:

- A high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest and back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 it is recommended that you undertake a PCR test but it is not necessary to self isolate whilst awaiting the results as long as you are not symptomatic. The up to date guidance can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

If you wish to order additional test kits for your household to enable daily contact testing to be carried out this can be done via <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Yours sincerely,

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**K Hand**  
**Headteacher**