

Wednesday 26th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are keeping well. Last week you will have heard in the news that the government has removed the expectation for students to wear face coverings in school from tomorrow. Currently numbers of COVID cases in school are at a stable level, similar to the first half of the autumn term. Therefore, we are happy to comply with this guidance and remove the need for students to wear masks in school.

We will continue to monitor Covid-19 cases on a daily basis, should we have a significant rise in infections amongst staff and students we may need to reintroduce measures in consultation with guidance from the local health protection team.

COVID-19 Lateral Flow Testing

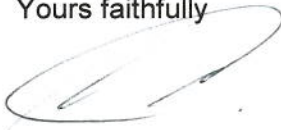
Please continue to follow the twice weekly testing regime in order to minimise the risks of transmission in school. This will help reduce the need to reintroduce masks in school. If a lateral flow test is positive, your child should self-isolate following the government guidance. Contact tracing will continue to be undertaken by NHS Test & Trace. Please inform the school of any positive tests.

Change to Self-Isolation Period for Positive COVID Cases

Students may now take LFD tests on day 5 and day 6 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 6.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Robertson
Head of School