

28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your continuing support. I am writing to update you on developments with Covid measures in school due to national announcements last week and reflecting the local situation in our community.

## Lateral Flow Testing (LFT)

The expectation for taking LFT tests twice per week has now been removed. If you have any left from what we have provided please use these at your discretion. You may for example choose to continue to test twice weekly until these free tests run out. The school can no longer place orders for LFTs but these are still free to order from [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) or from pharmacies until 1<sup>st</sup> April. The advice of taking an LFT for 7 days if you are a close contact of someone with Covid has also been removed.

## Covid Symptoms

- Do not send your child to school if they have symptoms. If anyone at school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they will be sent home.
- Should you develop one of the three main symptoms of the virus you should still book a PCR test with the NHS. The symptoms being a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If you test positive for COVID-19 (on either a PCR or an LFT) you should still stay at home and stay away from others. Please keep us informed at all times.
- Students should not return to school until they have had two negative lateral flow tests taken 24 hours apart, and at least five days after the initial positive result. Please provide us evidence of the negative tests. If results remain positive, students should return to school after day 10.
- Whilst the legal obligation to isolate has been removed the advice remains the same to keep everyone safe.
- We will now cease to inform parents and staff should there be a positive case in a tutor group, unless this meets a threshold of an outbreak.

## Face Coverings

Facemasks are no longer mandatory in school, but students, staff and visitors may continue to wear them if they would like to. I would encourage this.

## Other control measures

Other measures will remain in place for the foreseeable future in line with our current risk assessment. This includes encouraging good hygiene, maintaining cleaning regimes and keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.

We also reserve the right to enhance measures again. This could for example include onsite testing.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawrence Smith  
Headteacher

## Term and Important Dates 2021 – 2022

Please note these are subject to change at this stage

	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 10 Parents' Evening
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Parents' Evening
	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 9 Pathways' Evening
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022	Easter Holiday
Summer Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Year 7 Parents' Evening
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School Closed due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee. <b>Changed to published dates.</b>
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start. <b>Change to published dates.</b>
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 -	Last Day of Term for students. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Staff ONLY Day - INSET