

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

The government has updated COVID 19 guidance for schools in the light of the current wave of the pandemic.

As you know we are testing students onsite before they return to the Academy. A reminder that the arrangements for this are as follows.

If you cannot attend these then please ensure a test is completed at home before returning to school. Students should then continue to test twice weekly at home.

Here is a summary of January 2022 arrangements

- Face Masks. These are now to be worn in classrooms as well as communal areas. This is a temporary measure to be reviewed.
- Track and Trace. If a student is identified as a close contact of someone with COVID 19 then they are strongly advised to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days. They can continue to attend school if tests are negative
- Symptoms. A reminder that students with symptoms should not come into school until they have a negative test. Students showing symptoms in school will go home for a test.
- Changes to isolation rules following a positive case. Self isolation can now end on seven days provided there are two negative lateral flow tests taken on day 6 and 7.
- Visitors. These will continue to be for essential reasons only with all other meetings online or via telephone. Any visitors will be asked to take a lateral flow test prior to attending the academy.
- Staggered end of the day. We will continue with the slightly staggered end to the day to avoid congestion inside.

We will endeavor to maintain face to provision for all students. However if staff absence gets too high or guidance changes we may be required to move to flexible provision with a mixture of onsite and remote learning.

Thank you for your support



Mr J Francies
Principal