

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Dear Parent and Carer

Happy New Year to you all and I do hope this finds you all very well and ready for the new term.

You will be aware that the government has recently updated COVID 19 guidance for schools in the light of the current wave of the pandemic.

As you know we tested our students onsite, today, before they return to the Academy, tomorrow.

If your child did not attend the testing today, please ensure a test is completed at home before your child returns to the academy. Students should then continue to test twice weekly at home.

Here is a summary of January 2022 arrangements:

- **Face Coverings.** These are now to be worn in classrooms as well as communal areas. This is a temporary measure to be reviewed at the end of January, or unless otherwise advise by the DFE.
- **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 after seven days of testing positive, provided there are two negative lateral flow tests taken on day 6 and 7, to return to the academy on day 8.
- **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 and wear a face covering.

We will endeavour to maintain face to face teaching and learning provision for all

students. However if staff absence gets too high or guidance changes we may be required to move to a flexible provision with a mixture of blended learning, both onsite and remote. We will, of course, keep you fully updated as soon as we are aware of any changes, to mitigate disruption and ask that you reinforce with your child, that unless exempt, they must bring in and wear face coverings, whilst in the academy throughout the day.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing your child tomorrow.

Kindest regards

Hilary Morawska



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