



05 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We are delighted to be able to welcome our students back to school and our priority is to keep our school community safe in these difficult times.

LFD Testing

As you will be aware, we are carrying out in school LFD testing tomorrow. When students have been tested, they will go to their classrooms to begin their lessons. If any student tests positive we will contact you straight away and ask you to collect your child. **Following this initial test in school, it is vital that your child continues with twice weekly testing at home.** LFD testing kits will be handed over by form tutors.

Face Masks

The Government have now issued a recommendation that students wear face masks in classrooms as well as in communal areas. **Please ensure your child brings two masks to school each day (one to wear and one as a spare).** We only have a limited supply of spare masks in school and these run out very quickly.

Ventilation

It has been shown that good ventilation helps prevent the spread of COVID -19. We will continue to keep windows in classrooms and corridors open and teachers will allow students to wear coats in class if they deem it necessary. Students are still expected to wear full school uniform.

New arrangements for people testing positive for COVID -19

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 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 6 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, the individual may end self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

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Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Once again, thank you for your support with our efforts to help keep our children safe in school.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mim Hall'.

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