

Dear Parents / Carers

### Updated guidance for schools

The latest government guidance was altered recently, including around the isolation expectations relating to those identified as 'close contacts'. Here is a summary of the most relevant points;

- there is no longer any requirement to wear face coverings in schools although we may ask for them to be worn in busy communal areas.
- face coverings are recommended to be worn on buses - we will follow advice on this from Norfolk County Council, who manage the buses, which we are currently waiting for. We fully anticipate that they will require all passengers to wear a face covering.
- schools may ask for face coverings to be worn if there is an increase in positive cases - we will let you know if this is the case at all.
- schools no longer identify close contacts - this will all be done through Track and Trace.
- there is no longer any need for pupils or double vaccinated adults to isolate if identified as a close contact of a positive case. However, those identified will be asked to take a PCR test within 2 days and then isolate should it return positive.
- there is no longer any requirement for pupils to be kept in 'bubbles'.
- we still ask that pupils conduct twice weekly LFTs as before and we will continue to provide these.
- staff will also be asked to conduct twice weekly LFTs.
- all pupils are expected to attend school, without exception due to medical reasons.
- schools must ensure their pupils and staff continue to focus on the importance of good hygiene, good cleaning, good ventilation and following government guidance.

Although, as you can see, we are no longer required to be as rigorous in our risk mitigation regime, we do fully intend to maintain an adapted set of measures. We will communicate these to pupils upon their return. However, can I ask that every child, even if they do not come on a bus, comes to school with a face covering in case they are needed at any point.

### First day back

You will be aware from my earlier email that the timings of the school day have changed, and that pupils now go straight into their first lesson at the start of the day. However, on their first day back (Monday for Years 7,8,12 & 13 and Tuesday for Years 9,10 & 11), pupils will have a tutor based session, so please tell your child to go to their tutor room. Year 7 should go to the hall to be collected by their tutors.

### Lateral Flow tests

All pupils with consent will be tested twice in the first week. If you have not yet given consent and want your child tested please respond to the email that was recently sent out. If you cannot find the email, please check your junk folder. All students in the College are able to give their own consent for this.

### Uniform

Please ensure your child's uniform is in line with the school's dress code, as found on the website. In particular, please ensure that no trainers are worn and that trousers are straight cut and full length.

### College Dress Code

Can all post 16 students please make sure they adhere to this code, which can be found on the College website.

As always, please contact us should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Tim Gibbs