

Dear Parents,

20 September 2021

We have been advised by Public Health England that there have been a confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school community. **Following their advice, we will be reintroducing masks for all pupils in communal areas, including walking in the corridor from class to class.** Staff are already wearing masks. This measure will come into effect immediately and we expect masks to be worn from tomorrow. We will closely monitor the situation and update you as necessary. We thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

The school setting remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

We encourage household members that are aged 11 and over to continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly. Thank you to all who have been doing this, we really appreciate your support.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops [symptoms](#) of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119. Children must self isolate at home for 10 days if positive and return to school if the result is negative.

Instructions for people who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 (tested positive or symptomatic awaiting a test result)

From 16 August, [you will not be required to self-isolate if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19](#) and any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine.

Any member of the household who is aged 18 years and 6 months or over and has only received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine or has not received any dose of the COVID-19 vaccination will still be required to self-isolate as household contact of a someone with COVID-19 symptoms awaiting testing and someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Please read the [stay at home guidance](#) which provides information on this.

Even if you are vaccinated, you can still be infected with COVID-19 and pass it on to others. If you are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 but you are not required to self-isolate, you can help protect others by following the [guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#). As well as getting a PCR test, you may also consider:

- limiting close contact with other people outside your household, especially in enclosed spaces
- wearing a face covering for those aged 11 and over in crowded places such as school/college/public transport
- limiting contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable
- taking part in [regular LFD testing](#)



You should follow this advice while the person in your household with COVID-19 is self-isolating.

If you develop [symptoms](#) at any time, even if these are mild, self-isolate immediately, [arrange to have a COVID-19 PCR test](#) and follow the [guidance for people with COVID-19 symptoms](#).

Yours faithfully

Principal