

1st December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Update on control measures

Wakefield Public Health have advised that, in this period of high cases in our local area, if someone in your household has tested positive for Covid 19 using an LFD or PCR test, that pupils/ students should stay at home and complete the following steps:

- If your child develops symptoms on day 1 or 2 they should get a PCR test straight away
- If they don't have symptoms, they should get a PCR test 3-5 days after their household member started with symptoms (or took a test if they had no symptoms)
- If this test is negative, the child can return to school and complete LFD tests for the remaining isolation period of the household member
- If the child develops symptoms at a later date, they must stay at home and PCR test again.

This applies to primary and secondary age children, unless your child has tested positive for Covid 19 via PCR in the past 90 days or has had at least one dose of the vaccine more than 14 days ago.

If your child needs to stay at home under these rules, please let us know via phoning the office and we will work with you to provide them with high quality remote learning materials.

The 3 main Covid symptoms remain:

- a temperature of 37.8 degrees or higher
- a new continuous cough
- a change to or loss of taste and smell.

Your child should continue to attend school unless they develop symptoms of Covid-19 or are unwell. If they do develop symptoms, please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them.

Our priority is to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to our pupils/students, while maintaining proportionate control measures.

We are following DfE and Public Health guidance and continue to:

- Strongly encourage all staff to complete twice weekly lateral flow tests
- Maximise ventilation in classrooms
- Carry out additional cleaning, with a focus on frequently touched surfaces
- Use fogging machines to clean communal areas and classrooms on a rota basis
- Carry out activities such as PE outside, as much as possible. Please ensure you send your children with suitable outdoor PE kit on their PE day
- Encourage hand and respiratory hygiene amongst staff and pupils
- Advise visitors to not attend if they have symptoms.

As cases in the local community remain relatively high, our existing enhanced measures will remain in place in school, these include:

- Pupils will remain in their year groups at break time
- Pupils will remain in their year groups at lunch times
- Staff will be required to wear face coverings in communal areas, unless exemptions apply
- Using shared spaces on a rota basis

In addition we will be:

- Conducting whole-school activities including assemblies remotely
- Reviewing the arrangements for Christmas performances – our decision around this will be shared on **Friday 3rd December**.

We will operate these enhanced arrangements until we break up for Christmas, subject to regular review. We will also write to you before we start school in January, with an update on our plans.

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Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Parkinson

Head of Academy