

Our Ref: LHA/AH

7th September 2021

Dear parent/Carer

Re: COVID-19 Update

I hope that this letter finds you well. We are looking forward to a good start to term, and thank you in advance for your support in enabling testing and pupils coming in in their correct uniform ready and equipped to learn.

As you will be aware cases of COVID-19 continue to occur in our community, and this is reflected in the national figures we see each day.

Over the summer, the government changed the expectations of schools around COVID-19 and therefore in the event of a positive case it is now NHS Test and Trace who identify and make contact with any close contacts. If you or your child is contacted then they will encourage you to have a PCR test and if you meet the following then you no longer need to self-isolate as of the 16th August.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

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

We will not be contacting parents directly in the event of positive cases; however, we may reintroduce measures if needed due to the number of pupils who have tested positive. This for example may include reintroducing face coverings, use of bubbles, social distancing or remote learning.

We have already been informed of a couple of cases this week, and therefore we would like to remind you of the key messages we expect of pupils. Please refer to the poster attached.

If you have any queries please do get in touch with the Academy.

As we continue to navigate the pandemic and respond to local and national guidance, we will keep you informed and update on any changes to our measures as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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Please show respect for one another by following these steps

YOU SHOULD...



...wash and sanitise
your hands regularly

...'Catch it, bin it, kill it'
If you need to cough or sneeze



...ensure that your classrooms and
workspaces are well ventilated

...self-administer a rapid lateral
flow test twice a week and
report the results



IF YOU FEEL ILL...

If you develop symptoms of Covid-19, you must self isolate and arrange to have a test. Symptoms include recent onset of any of the following:

**A new
continuous cough**

**A high
temperature**

**A loss of, or change in, your normal
sense of taste or smell (anosmia)**

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