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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Changes to COVID Secure Restrictions at the Academy

I trust that you and your families are safe and well. As we reflect on the challenges we have all faced over the past year, we are pleased to hear the Government announcement of further easing of restriction as part of the national roadmap out of lockdown.

I would like to reassure you that we will continue to maintain a robust system of controls to reduce the spread of the virus to create a safer environment for our pupils and staff. In light of the Government announcement on Monday 10 May 2021 there are a few updates that I would like to share with you and your child.

Wearing of Face Covering

From Monday 17 May students will not be required to wear a face covering in lessons. However, due to recent cases of coronavirus within our community, face coverings must be worn in indoor communal areas and during line up as they enter the building.

Educational Visits

Educational visits will commence after half-term. Any visits will be conducted in line with relevant COVID-secure guidelines and regulations in place at that time. This includes systems of controls, such as keeping students within their consistent groups and the COVID-secure measures in place at the destination.

Key Messages for Students

1. **Coronavirus is still spreading**, let's make sure the next step we take is forward, not back.
2. The basic measures of **Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air** are still important to keep our community safe.
3. **Wash your hands** regularly and make the most of hand sanitiser stations located in every classroom and around the building.

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4. **Wear a face covering in indoor communal areas**, particularly when you cannot maintain 2 metre distancing.
5. **Get tested regularly** – Continue with twice weekly lateral flow testing (Ideally taking the test Monday and Thursday AM before arriving to school). Report lateral flow tests here <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pGcNtDFve0GB0B6WvxpVXJrG6njJIDRFjDIkEuHAofZUNOVVUjJYSVJRWVNKWjcxNkRKMVixNUZGVy4u>

Results must also be reported with NHS by visiting [Report COVID19 Results](#)

COVID-19 Symptoms and Reporting Procedure

Please do not send your child to school if they present any of the coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms:

- a new continuous cough.
- a high temperature.
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

What to do if your child has symptoms

1. Inform the school immediately
2. To self-isolate for **at least 10 days** from the first day of their symptoms.
3. To take a **PCR test** and let the school know of the result.
4. That members of your household should self-isolate for 10 days (including siblings living in the same household).

What to do if your child tests negative

1. They can stop self-isolating and return to school if they feel well and no longer have symptoms. Members of your household can stop self-isolating.
2. Students who are asked to self-isolate that develop symptoms, should get tested and inform the school of the test result as soon as possible. Even if the test result is negative, they should remain isolated for the full 10 days.

What to do if your child tests positive

1. Inform the school immediately.
2. Continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the day their symptoms started (and members of their household to continue self-isolating for the full 14 days).
3. Student must **only** return to school when they feel better.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents, carers and especially to our students for continuing to uphold our values of love, hope and trust during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully,



Hannah Fahey

Principal