



4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Covid Measures for January 2022

The latest Government guidance makes two significant changes to Covid safety measures in secondary schools.

Students are once again required to wear face coverings in lessons; this is in addition to the need for face coverings in communal areas. This is a temporary measure which the Government will review in late January. Please ensure your child has a reusable face covering with them every day. A small stock of disposable masks is held by the school but for cost and environmental reasons these should only be used as a backup for anyone who genuinely forgets their own mask. If your child is medically exempt from wearing a mask please ensure this has been communicated to us.

The isolation period has reduced to seven days for students, providing a negative lateral flow result is achieved on day six and day seven. Students can return to school on day eight as long as they do not have a high temperature. These two lateral flow tests must be taken 24 hours apart.

Lateral Flow Testing at home remains the main way to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Please ensure your child completes these tests at home, twice a week. In the event of a positive result a PCR test must be taken to confirm. As you are aware we will conduct a Lateral Flow Test in school on the first day back for all students whose parents have provided consent. The aim here is that this is the second test as students should still test at home before they travel to school.

Students who need to isolate will have work provided on google classrooms. Updates will be provided as necessary and circulated via the text messaging system.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr N. K. Willingham  
Headteacher