

25 October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

### **Covid-19 precautions after the half term holidays**

Thank you to everyone after a successful first half-term of the year. Students have settled well after the summer break, and I hope they get a chance to relax during the half-term holiday. I am writing to you about our return to school on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**.

As you may know the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases across the country is rising. Therefore, we must continue to follow the precautions we have in place carefully. By taking care now, we reduce the risk of Covid-19 spreading in the school and the necessity to increase precautions or return to remote learning.

### **Before returning to the Academy**

To ensure we have a smooth return:

**1. Please ensure your child is well, and has not:**

- Got a high temperature, or
- Got a new, continuous cough, or
- Lost their sense of smell or taste or it's changed

**2. Please can all students (who consent) ensure that they take a lateral flow test the day before returning to the Academy for the new half-term.**

If your child has run out of lateral flow tests they can be [ordered for free here](#) or by searching 'gov.uk order rapid lateral flow tests.' These can also be collected from the Academy.

Anyone with a positive lateral flow test result should self-isolate and request [a free PCR test by clicking here](#), or by searching 'gov.uk coronavirus test' to check if they have COVID-19. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, they should continue to self-isolate.

If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive LFD test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, if the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms.

Over the next half-term we will continue with all of our existing precautions, including:

- Everyone will wash their hands thoroughly and often.
- We will follow good hygiene around sneezing, using and then disposing tissues safely.
- We will have a thorough cleaning schedule with regular cleaning equipment and a focus on frequently touched areas.
- We will ensure that the school is well ventilated.
- Students and staff must not come to school if they have symptoms of Covid, have had a positive test, or are required to quarantine.

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- Senior leaders will meet to assess the risk at school. If necessary and in consultation with Public Health England, we will make changes to our arrangements to increase precautions.
- Those students and staff who consent will continue to take two lateral flow tests each week at home in the new half-term.

Your child must only come to school if they are well. Please do ensure they take a lateral flow test before coming to school on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**.

Thank you for your continued support with helping us to reduce the risk of infection and minimise disruption to learning.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Pape".

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