

Dear Parent/Carer

Thanks for your ongoing support with our measures to reduce transmission of Covid-19 in the school community.

Covid-19 measures

You are likely to have heard the Downing Street press release over the weekend which included a number of changes to the management of Covid-19 in educational settings. The headlines are below.

- Face coverings to be worn inside school buildings (not required in classrooms).
- Any close contact with an Omicron variant will require a 10 day isolation period (NHS test and trace will notify those following the outcome of a PCR test).
- A number of [African nations](#) have been added to the UK red list (there is a requirement to isolate until a confirmed false result).

As we already expect face coverings to be worn on buses and in communal areas inside the school at LVC, there are no substantive changes in our approach. **Thank you for continuing to equip your child/children with a face covering to wear at school and on their journeys to and from school, and for reinforcing with them the importance of this measure.**

We continue to review our risk management approaches regularly and are closely monitoring CO2 levels across the site to ensure good air flow.

Current cases

We have seen a further drop in the number of reported positive tests over the weekend. Please find a summary of our current cases below.

Confirmed PCR cases: 3 (1 Year 8 student, 1 Year 9 student and 1 staff member)

Suspected cases: 10

Year 7	2
Year 8	1
Year 9	2
Year 10	2
Staff	3

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Testing

Please remember that the majority of recent confirmed positive cases are asymptomatic; **please do continue to regularly test your child and notify us of any positive results or suspected cases (via attendance@lvc.org)**. We are aware of some technical issues causing delays to the emails with links to log results on ALIS; Trust colleagues are working hard to address this.

- If your child has Covid-19 symptoms (new, persistent cough, raised temperature or change/loss of taste or smell) then please arrange a PCR test and self-isolation for your child.
- If your child is identified a close contact (including household) with a confirmed case then please arrange a PCR test. If their PCR test comes back negative, please continue with daily LFT tests for the duration of the case's isolation period.

The government announced on Friday that all secondary schools are required to test students on their return to school in January. It may be necessary for us to have a staggered start to the spring term to enable this to happen. We will confirm the details once we have plans in place.

Vaccination

Remember if your child is eligible for the vaccination, but has not yet had it, you can book this using the following link: [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination – NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time.

Yours faithfully

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