



Dear Parents/Carers

We have made it through this challenging half term with your support and the number of students self-isolating has fallen steadily since the peak at the end of January. As you will be aware staff absence has been higher this term as they are generally taking longer to recover from the effects of COVID.

### Current Cases

We continue to see new cases on a weekly basis and currently have 18 students self-isolating. In addition to this there are 2 members of staff self-isolating.

- Year 7 1 case
- Year 8 7 cases
- Year 9 5 cases
- Year 10 4 cases
- Year 11 1 case

Cases across the County fell last week for the first time this term.

### Additional Measures

The guidance we have been given about wearing face coverings comes to an end today. We are awaiting an update from the Director of Public Health and the Local Authority on what the position will be after half term, and will update you as soon as we know. It is likely that the students will no longer be recommended to wear face coverings in classrooms.

### Testing

Only 52% of the LFT results were recorded on ALIS. Please do remember to test your children and record your LFT results on ALIS, both on Wednesdays and Sundays. If your child tests positive, please also remember to log it on the [NHS website](#).

It is important that you **continue to test twice weekly** and in particular at the end of the half term when more mixing will take place.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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