

Dear Parent/Carer

Over the weekend we have seen a significant increase in the number of cases and feel it is important to clarify the current position with regards to COVID-19 within the College.

Current Cases

There are currently 23 confirmed cases and two awaiting PCR results amongst the students. This is compared to only five cases at the start of last week. In addition to this we now have 10 members of staff self-isolating.

- Year 7 16 cases
- Year 8 3 cases
- Year 9 2 cases
- Year 10 4 cases
- Year 11 0 cases
- Staff 10 cases

Covering for so many absent colleagues is challenging and we are in contact with the Trust and the LA regarding this situation.

Self-Isolation

While the law no longer requires people to self-isolate if they have COVID-19, the government are still advising people to stay at home and avoid contact with others. For students this means that if they have one of the three main COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, new, persistent cough and/or loss of taste or smell) **they must remain at home** and arrange a PCR test.

Following a positive test result (PCR or LFT), your child **must stay at home**. The day the symptoms start or the positive LFT, if no symptoms, is day zero. They can return after two consecutive negative test results from day 5 and 6.

Asymptomatic and close contact testing is no longer required and we are no longer able to order LFT kits at school. However, families may continue with Lateral Flow Testing at their discretion.

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Lateral Flow Testing kits can currently be ordered via the NHS to be posted to you or <u>collected</u> from a community pharmacy.

Further advice about self-isolation and testing is available on the <u>Government website</u>. Please update the school via <u>attendance@lvc.org</u>.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are no longer recommended to be worn in schools by the Government. However, those wishing to wear them around the College are permitted to do so.

Thank you once again for all you are doing to keep College community safe and fully open.

Yours faithfully

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