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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the new academic year 2021-22. Everyone at the Academy is excited for the start of the new term and all the activities and learning this will bring.

To provide some clarity over the regulations and guidance offered by the Government and Department for Education surrounding Covid-19 at the current time, please see the information below. Academy expectations are also linked to this guidance.

Covid-19 Guidance for Parents and Carers

Self-Isolation

Under 18s no longer need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with Covid-19. They will only need to isolate if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19. They should instead take a PCR test to confirm they are negative.

Face Masks

Face coverings are no longer required in school, but we would strongly recommend that these continue to be worn on dedicated school or college transport.

On-Site Testing

Schools will undertake two on-site tests for those in Y7 and Y8 at the start of the Autumn term. After that, please continue to test your child twice a week at home. Testing helps prevent positive Covid-19 cases being brought into school and will further reduce any disruption.

Social Distancing:

Social distancing is no longer an expectation but we will remind pupils and staff to be aware of keeping socially distanced where possible regularly. A range of measures to avoid mass gatherings will remain in place e.g. virtual whole school collective worship.

Bubble Closure:

Only under extreme circumstances will a House Group or Year Group Bubble be forced to close. However, if a pupil or staff member returns a positive test, then it will only be their close contacts who will be contacted and may be required to self-isolate. We will be using seating plans to allow us to monitor these interactions. The Academy will contact you if your child is a close contact. We are unable to disclose who the positive case is due to data protection. Also, 'Track and Trace' may contact you to regarding this situation.

Remote Learning:

Remote Learning will be provided for pupils who are having to self-isolate. This will be provided via Teams in the first instance or in paper-based formats where required.

Covid-19 Vaccinations:

You may have seen in the news about Covid-19 vaccinations for 12-15-year olds. No decisions from government have been made on these yet.



I request that if you have any further questions, please read the information contained within the links provided above. If you are still unsure, contact the Academy via the Contact Form on the Academy website.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. T Hutchinson
Principal