

26th October 2021

Dear Parents/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 1st November 2021.

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 school

To ensure we have a smooth return to school:

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 school 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.'

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.
- Pupils and staff must not come to school if they have symptoms of Covid, have had a positive test, or are required to quarantine.
- 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 1st November.

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

Yours sincerely



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