



3 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that all of our students and their families had a very pleasant and restful half-term break.

Changes to National Covid Regulations

I'm sure that parents will be aware of the main changes to Covid regulations following the Prime Minister's announcement last week:

- From last Monday (21st February), the guidance for staff and students to take twice weekly asymptomatic Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests was removed.
- From last Thursday (24th February), the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test was removed. Government guidance still states though that students who test positive should, as previously, stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then should continue to do this until they have received two negative LFD test results on consecutive days.
- Government guidance continues to state that students who display Covid symptoms should take a PCR test and stay at home, following the above advice if their test result is positive.

Covid Measures in School

Following the above changes (see [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101421/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance.pdf)) for the latest version of the Department for Education guidance for schools), we have reviewed our current Covid measures ahead of the start of this new half-term:

Parent Consultation Evenings: We have already committed to an on-line Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening on 3rd March and an on-site Year 9 Options Evening on 8th March. We will shortly consult with Year 11 and 13 parents to collect views on the possible format of their Consultation Evenings which are due to take place later this half-term (Year 13 on Wednesday 23rd March, Year 11 on Wednesday 30th March).

Dining Hall: Planning is currently underway to give all students access to the Dining Hall at break and lunchtime (and hence to the full menu previously offered pre-pandemic). Thank you for your understanding that it will take a short time to ensure that the necessary catering staffing and supplies are in place for this change, which will occur either at some stage this half-term or at the start of the Summer Term.

Given the changes described above, both nationally and in school, any queries would be entirely understandable and hence please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school if you have any questions at any stage.

Best wishes,

Martin Hill
Headteacher