

13th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, can I once again thank you for your understanding as we collectively handle the challenges posed by Covid-19.

I am writing to you to confirm the arrangements following the latest guidance received from the government on Monday 10th May.

Face Masks:

From Monday 17th May, in line with 'Step 3' of the government roadmap, face coverings will no longer be recommended for students in classrooms or communal areas in the Academy.

Face coverings are also no longer recommended for staff in classrooms if social distancing can be maintained.

Following the guidance, we continue to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside the classrooms where social distancing is not possible, such as moving around in corridors and communal areas.

LFD Testing:

LFD rapid testing continues to be recommended for all students and staff in order to minimize the risk of asymptomatic cases of COVID 19, and is a vital part of the Government's plan to suppress the virus. It is not compulsory to take these tests, but the Government's health advice is that effective testing helps stop the virus spreading and will mean schools are as safe as possible.

Can I urge you to report your child's result on 'Test Register' and also the NHS Government website. If a student records a positive lateral flow test result, this means that track and trace has to happen immediately and this result must be confirmed by a PCR test. Please inform the Academy at the following email address; covid@bushfield.co.uk.

COVID 19:

If anyone in your household develops symptoms, they should self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test. Please inform the Academy at the following email address; covid@bushfield.co.uk.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Behaviour Expectations and Uniform:

Behaviour of students and ensuring that they follow the routines to meet our expectations relating to minimising risk for all is extremely important and I am pleased by the manner and conduct of our students in maintaining these routines and meeting our expectations.

Students should now be in full Academy uniform and full Academy PE kit on the days they have PE/Dance. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that facial piercing is not allowed in the Academy and if your child has a nose piercing, this must be removed when entering the building.

Please be aware that any refusal or defiant behaviour that contravenes health and safety, (such as refusing to maintain social distancing, refusing to stay in the allocated space or deliberately coughing over someone), could be deemed as a serious incident and a student could face serious consequences. Seclusion will not be in operation, therefore if your child behaves in a manner that would result in this sanction, such as swearing at a member of staff, the consequences for this will be a 'Fixed Term Exclusion'. The 'Removal Room' will be in operation and if your child is removed from lessons, they will remain in the 'Removal Room' for the remainder of the day.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

Dennis Kirwan
Principal

