

22nd October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I felt it was important to contact you again before the end of half term re our COVID situation and the measure we have put in place. Since introducing face masks as a precautionary measure on 11th October we have seen a steady decline in numbers of students and staff confirmed COVID cases. Thank you for support with this measure.

Testing for students and staff will continue over the half term; can I ask that results are recorded on TestRegister and with NHS.

As we return after half term on Monday 1st November I will be keeping the precautionary measure of wearing face masks for all students and staff in communal areas of the Academy and in corridors during lesson changeovers.

We will continue with our measures of:

- high ventilation;
- good hygiene routines;
- twice weekly using LFT devices, for students and staff with these being logged on both the Academy's 'Test Register' system and with the NHS.

I want to reassure you that I have continued to be in regular contact with Public health England (PHE) and the Local Authority (LA) and this precaution of wearing face masks will be reviewed during the first week back. I will communicate any changes to our precautionary measures if and when anything changes.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you of the COVID-19 protocol. If your child is displaying any of the following symptoms of COVID-19, then they should not attend the Academy and a PCR test should be sought as soon as possible:

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

In the meantime, can I thank you all for your continued support and wish you a restful half term

Yours sincerely

Dennis Kirwan
Principal