



14th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you to update you on the current situation regarding COVID-19 cases in the school.

As you will be aware from my previous communication, we have had a significant increase in numbers of cases in the school particularly in Year 9 and Year 11. In other year groups, we have seen a small increase.

Following discussions with Public Health, we will be reintroducing the following measures up until the half term.

1. Face coverings become recommended in communal areas of the school from Friday 15th October 2021.

Communal areas are considered to be:

- Corridors
- Queueing and moving around the canteen areas before being seated for eating
- Transitions between lesson changeovers.

To support this, at the end of each lesson learners will be reminded to put their face coverings on before they leave the class, whether they are going to next lesson or moving outside for break or lunch.

As you are already aware, we have hand sanitizers throughout the school in order that learners can sanitize their hands when handling their face covering. Learners will also need a safe and hygienic place to store their face covering: a zip lock plastic bag / wallet would be ideal for this.

We do have a small supply of face coverings in school and will support learners who do not have a face covering.

2. From Monday, we will be cancelling all mixed year group after school activities. This will reduce mixing between year groups.

3. We continue to encourage all learners to undertake two lateral flow tests per week at home. We would appreciate your support with this measure.

All measures will be reviewed at the end of the current half term and I will update you on any further information.

Yours faithfully

Lee Cummins