



12 November 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

## **COVID Measures**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in making the return to school following the half-term break run so smoothly, especially with the daily lateral flow testing and updated guidance on face coverings. You will be aware that we have continued to keep the school's additional measures under review in partnership with the Public Health team and we have now received updated advice regarding these measures, following an increased number of cases at school.

## **Sixth Form Students**

In response to a number of students receiving positive PCRs in the Sixth Form, we have been advised that students should move from twice-weekly testing to daily testing for one week, commencing tomorrow, Saturday 13 November. Sixth Form students will also be expected to study from home when they do not have lessons, if they are able to. More details are outlined in a separate letter from Ms Gaches which can be found [here](#).

## **Year 11 Students**

As the trial exams will mean increased proximity of students, Year 11 students should also move to daily testing starting this Saturday and continuing for the duration of the exam period. By putting in place further, additional safety measures, we hope to ensure that both the experience and diagnostic benefits of these exams for students can continue. Additional test kits will be available from form tutors.

## **Sports fixtures and other events - all year groups**

Unfortunately, we have been advised that events where students mix outside of their usual class groups should be put on hold, which includes sports fixtures and other events such as the Duke of Edinburgh award. Separate communications have been sent to all those parents/students affected by this on Friday 12 November. This will be reviewed over the next 2 weeks.

## **Face Coverings in all indoor areas**

Following Hertfordshire County Council's guidance to all secondary schools last week, I would like to remind everyone that students are expected to wear face coverings in all indoor areas (unless exemptions apply). Again, I would like to reiterate the importance of students bringing their own face coverings to school.

These measures are in addition to those outlined in my email of 03 November. We will continue to review these on a regular basis in consultation with the Health Protection team.

As always, I appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of following these safety measures to your children, as well as reminding them of the precautions they can take when out of school.

Thank you, as ever, for your co-operation; we wish those affected by coronavirus (COVID-19) a quick recovery.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shapland', written in a cursive style.

**James Shapland**  
**Headteacher**

[Appendices A and B: General COVID Information and How to book a test online when you have been identified as a close contact but do not have symptoms yourself](#)