



12 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wrote you to you last week in relation to additional measures being put in place in and around the Academy in response to the increased covid cases within the BCP/Dorset area.

PH Dorset have advised that we should continue with these measures for an additional two weeks by which time a further review will have taken place.

**Reasons why this has been sustained:**

- BCP and Dorset have continued to see school age students catching and transmitting Covid within their educational settings and families
- There are high levels of the virus in BCP/Dorset and although there is some slowing, there is a way to go for a downward trend or even a slower plateau
- In BCP there is evidence that new outbreaks are starting in schools/settings that had suppressed them in September
- Within BCP/Dorset they are seeing entirely new schools with cases in pupils and some high rates of cases in staff.

As mentioned in my letter last week, mitigations will vary in BCP schools, however, please note our current measures in place, which will continue:

- Staggered parent/carer drop off/pick up
- Zones at break and lunch
- No face-to-face assemblies
- Increased cleaning rotas.

The following measures will now remain in place until Friday 26 November:


- Students and staff wear a face covering in communal areas including when collecting food from the Hub. If your child is medically exempt or unable to wear a face covering, please ensure they wear the lanyard previously issued to you
- Move to Online Parent Teacher Consultation evenings.

**Please note, if cases continue to rise then we may move to compulsory wearing of face coverings in communal areas and classrooms. Please respect that this decision may be made at short notice.**

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### How can parents/carers help to support less infection in school?

- Encourage twice weekly LFT in your secondary age pupils. This can make a huge difference and has in some cases identified 25-20 asymptomatic cases per school per week
- If a case arises in school and you are notified, parents can support safer return to school by using regular LFT on their asymptomatic children, which many have been doing/asking if they can do this; you can do this in primary and middle schools as well as secondary for this fortnight
- Support school by observing isolation and getting PCR tests when asked
- Adhering to new rules and encouraging eligible family members to get vaccinated/boosters
- Observe close contact advice and do not send children to schools with symptoms of the virus or if they are unwell in other ways. [Read further guidance for close contacts here](#)

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 at any time, please isolate and book a test, even if you have already taken a test. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A new, continuous cough, and/or a cough that won't go away
- A temperature, and/or
- A loss of, or change to, sense of taste and/or smell.

Further guidance on COVID-19 and what you need to do can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

We are determined to ensure students continue to learn in a safe environment. We will continue to monitor the situation very closely and, as always, take a measured approach in the best interests of our students and staff.

Yours sincerely,

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