

Dear Parents/ Carers

Throughout the COVID 19 pandemic, Brookvale Groby has been working alongside Leicestershire County Council and Public Health England to consider measures to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 within the school community. Maintaining a full curriculum and maximising face-to-face education, whilst minimising disruption, in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk is the priority. Several measures have already been implemented within the school to protect students, staff and the community, and others are under consideration.

In line with the contingency framework, it has been recommended that Brookvale Groby **reintroduce face coverings in classrooms, corridors, communal areas and school buses for a two-week period**, in order to manage the transmission of COVID-19. This will be effective from 13/09/2021 until 24/09/2021. Work will continue with the relevant bodies to monitor the number of positive cases and the impact the current measures are having. The wearing of face coverings is a strong recommendation and not a mandate, but it is hoped students will have a high level of compliance for this period of time.

There are some circumstances where people may not be able to wear a face covering. Please be respectful of these situations as some people are less able to wear face coverings, and the reasons for this may not always be visible.

Students are also being encouraged to continue performing **and reporting** twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests. Anyone with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the <u>stay at home guidance</u> <u>for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</u> and <u>get a free PCR test</u> <u>to check if they have COVID-19</u>.

Thank you for your continued support in trying to reduce transmission of COVID 19 within the local community.

Yours faithfully,

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