



4th November 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

From the outset of the pandemic we have always sought to be open and honest about the number of cases on our campus. So far this academic year we have had the following number of cases including a higher number which were reported following our return from the half term break (Wk 9).

POSITIVE CASE SUMMARY LIST

Year Group	TOTAL AUTUMN 1		Wk 9 25/10/21	Wk 10 01/11/21	TOTAL AUTUMN 2	
	M	F			M	F
7	20	15	3	5	5	3
8	12	6	11	2	4	9
9	21	19	7	1	3	5
10	8	5	6		1	5
11	16	16	7		4	3
Post 16	7	4	1	1	1	1
Staff	3	3	3			3
TOTAL	87	68	38		14	26

We continue to report our cases on a daily basis to both the LA and PHE, who have been monitoring the situation closely and PHE have communicated and advised the following steps:

Protective Measures

- Emphasising and enhancing current measures – cleaning, ventilation, testing etc.
- Encouraging uptake of asymptomatic testing
- Activities taking place outdoors, including exercise, assemblies, or classes where possible
- One-off enhanced cleaning focussing on touch points and any shared equipment
- Communications from the setting about the cases - specific to school circumstances

Class PCR testing

If our setting has 5 or more linked cases in a class, then we are recommended that the whole class is PCR tested.

Household contacts to take daily LFTs

Pupils and staff who have a positive household member, are recommended to take daily LFTs for the duration of the household members isolation.

Our key messages within school continue to be:

- Face coverings offer a higher level of community protection and reduce transmission rates
- Ventilation within rooms is a significant mitigation for schools
- Robust hand hygiene measures reduce transmission rates
- Social distancing where possible remains an important measure
- Twice weekly testing is critical for identifying asymptomatic cases

Below is an open letter from our new Secretary of State for Education:

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/10/25/education-secretary-writes-to-parents-about-vaccinations-for-12-to-15-year-olds/?utm_source=28%20October%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Please could we continue to reinforce these messages with your child to keep them, your family and the wider family as safe as possible. We will continue to do all we can to navigate these challenging times and protect your child's safety and education.

Yours sincerely



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