

9th September 2021

Re: Risk mitigation measures update (9th September 2021)



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have been enjoying the recent warm weather and sunshine. Students have made a great start to the term and our new year 7 and 12s have settled in well. As we approach the end of the third week back I wanted to update you on the situation regarding Covid cases in school and **changes to our risk mitigation plan**.

The Public Health Protection Team at Leicestershire County Council have shared with me today that Covid-19 levels in our local community are very high. As Covid-19 cases rise in Leicestershire we are also seeing an increase in positive cases confirmed by PCR tests in school. Public Health confirmed that there is no evidence of transmission in school being greater than that in the community. Please be reassured that those students affected have been reporting a mild illness. Those students and staff affected, are now self-isolating at home.

Due to these new positive cases, we are introducing additional measures as we continue to keep our students, staff and wider community safe. We are now asking students to **return to wearing face masks in communal areas**. It is especially important that they are worn when students are moving between lessons on busy corridors. Face masks should also be worn **when students are using school transport**.

In addition to the measures we have had in place since the start of term, we will now be asking students to **sanitise their hands more frequently**, when they enter classrooms and we will be increasing the frequency of cleaning busy touchpoints around the school.

We are reminding all students to **continue twice-weekly testing** and will be strongly encouraging any students who may have stopped home testing to begin once more. It is clear that the LFT tests are picking up asymptomatic cases. I'd like to thank all parents for your support in reporting these results to school and keeping your child at home if the test is positive whilst you await the result of a follow-up PCR test. Students may pick up additional test kits from reception if these are required. If your child has coronavirus symptoms or tests positive please contact our attendance team at attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk.

I want to be clear that the steps that we are taking will not prevent us from continuing to offer a high-quality curriculum and learning experience, which is vital following months of disruption to children's education. I continue to liaise with the Local Health Protection Teams, reporting any positive cases in school and will review these additional measures at the end of September. I realise that you may find the introduction of further risk mitigation measures concerning though we are continuing to monitor the situation and will write to you again if we are advised to take any further steps.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Brown
Headteacher





Public Health England Advice

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home, at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child has a positive test result but does not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119.

