



19 November 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

### Revision to covid-control measures

Due to a significant decline in the number of cases of Covid-19 we are experiencing in the school community, we have reviewed our covid risk assessment. Our full risk assessment is available [here](#), however the key points to note are as follows:

- Face coverings are now optional in classrooms but continue to be **encouraged** in communal areas within the school and on public transport;
- We will continue to require confirmation of a negative PCR test result before a student can return to school if anybody in their household has tested positive. Ideally, the PCR test should be taken on day 3-5 since the last contact or the date of the test of the affected household member;
- Equally, we will continue to require a negative PCR test result before a student can return to school if they receive notification from NHS Test & Trace that they have been identified as a close contact.

These measures will remain in place until the end of this term unless we are notified by Public Health England that we need to introduce further measures as a result of an increased level of cases.

Please can I encourage you to support your child to test twice a week at home and to report the results. Your child/(ren) can obtain further kits from Student Services if they have run out.

Vaccination remains an important part of helping to reduce the transmission from Covid-19 - young people can now access vaccinations by booked appointments or walk-in appointments from the mass vaccination site in Broad Street Mall, Reading. We have not yet been notified of a mop-up session for those who missed the vaccination day on 22 October 2021, we would therefore encourage you to make your own arrangements for vaccination where you have made the decision to get your child vaccinated.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation with keeping our school community as safe as possible in the current phase of the pandemic.

Yours sincerely

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