



14 September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

### Return to school – LFTD COVID testing

We have now completed the mandatory two rounds of 'return to school' LFTD COVID testing and wanted to thank you and the students for your support during this process. We now revert to the home testing kits which once again we ask are completed twice a week (e.g. Wednesday and Sunday) with results being shared with the school via the [Google Form](#). Students have today been sent home with boxes of LFTD kits but please do let us know if you require any more. It is important that students maintain this routine so that any potentially positive cases can be identified, PCR tests completed and hopefully break chains of transmission. One thing to note about these kits is that they require the throat and nasal areas to be swabbed as opposed to the double nasal swab being used for in school testing.

The return to school has seen a small number of confirmed positive cases (two) within our student community. Please be reassured that we are in touch with Public Health England and NHS Oxfordshire to ensure that we are doing everything possible to support the NHS Track and Trace and to continue to review our Risk Assessment. As you may be aware **schools are no longer being used to complete Track and Trace** should a positive case (confirmed through PCR) occur – the responsibility to identify direct or close contacts falls to the individual and details are to be completed through the official channels. Should we, as a school, be approached to support this process we would of course do so willingly. Any students who are worried by a possible group amongst their peers are entitled to take a PCR test.

As a school we are committed to keeping our community safe and as such we have maintained the following measures:

- Hand sanitising at the start of each lesson
- Windows open to maintain ventilation
- A one-way system around the site, favouring outside routes where possible
- Use of outside doors to classrooms where possible to minimise congestion
- Face coverings will be required from tomorrow for any groups of visitors

We are also strongly encouraging students to wear face coverings on the school bus, despite this no longer being a requirement, and we support any student who wishes to wear a face covering whilst in the corridors or classroom setting.

The latest copy of guidance for schools can be found: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

Regarding the vaccination of 12–15-year-olds that was announced on Monday evening by the Prime Minister, I currently have no information to share but will do so when I am sent it.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



Andy Hartley  
Headteacher