



Covid Control Measures – as of Monday 20th September, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may recall a communication, 8th September, 2021, where we alerted you to the current COVID-19 circumstances, this included our duty to consistently review protocols at the Academy as required.

Due to the increased number of Covid cases in the local ward area for the Academy, as well as the overall rates of infection in Corby, we feel now is the time to make some amendments to our working practice, in order to keep our school and the wider community safe.

Whilst cases within our school community remain relatively low and the measures we have in place are secure, it is only right we respond to any potential threats to this and aim to avoid the difficult situations some schools across the country are now facing.

In addition to the measures that we already have in place, from Monday 20th September, we are requesting that all students wear a face mask during periods of transition and high population in the Academy. This means:

- between lessons and movement to classrooms or faculties
- to and from break areas
- assemblies

Students are not required to wear a face mask, unless it is personal choice, in:

- lessons
- the restaurant whilst consuming food
- outside of the Academy building

If your child is exempt, due to formal advice from medical professionals, please can we ask that your child wears the appropriate lanyards that indicate this exemption.

From tomorrow our staff will be adhering to these new practices and we require students to as of Monday 20th September, 2021, or sooner if possible. We have also increased the number of sanitising stations across the Academy and will continue to renew of messages of good hand hygiene regularly.

As highlighted in our communication earlier this week, we encourage all our students to continue to participate in the twice weekly LFD home testing to ensure that any positive cases are picked up at the earliest possible opportunity. It is also extremely important that any student with symptoms of COVID-19, even if mild, do not attend school. If your child has symptoms, please arrange for a PCR test as soon as possible.

We will continue to monitor cases within school, in the local community and act upon advice from Public Health England where required. Further information is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/>

I would like to thank you for your continued support over this time and will continue to communicate if any guidance changes.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S. Underwood
Principal