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Dear Parent/Carer

Update on COVID-19 Protective Measures

Government guidance to schools to mitigate against the spread of COVID-19 transmission and infection changes regularly and I thought I would update you with the latest information. Guidance will continue to be updated by government in the coming weeks.

COVID-19 symptoms

The main indicators of COVID-19 are a high temperature; a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. **If your child experiences any of these symptoms they must self-isolate immediately and it is strongly recommended that they take a lateral flow test to determine whether they are infectious with COVID-19.**

Home testing

Students should continue to conduct home COVID-19 tests at least twice per week and daily if anyone in their household has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive. If you test positive on a lateral flow test device you need to self-isolate. **From Tuesday 11th January you no longer need to book a PCR test to confirm a positive lateral flow test result.**

Self-isolation

Students must self-isolate if they experience symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 on either a PCR test or a home lateral flow test. If a PCR test comes back as negative then students can come out of isolation and attend school.

Students should self-isolate for 10 days unless they test negative on a home lateral flow test on Day 6 and day 7. If both of these are negative then they can come out of isolation on Day 7 – this is an update to the guidance. If one or both is positive then they need two consecutive days of negative tests before they can come out of isolation. If your child is returning to school earlier than 10 days as a result of 2 consecutive negative tests then please inform the school by emailing the Attendance Administrator at attendance@haileyburyturnford.com. If a student takes their test early in the morning of Day 7 and it is their **second consecutive** negative test then they can come to school on that day. We will require confirmation of this from parents/carers before students return to lessons.

Anyone self-isolating can come out of self-isolation after Day 10, regardless of whether they have tested positive on a lateral flow test, so long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms, and specifically a high temperature.

Household isolation

If someone in your household tests positive or has symptoms of COVID-19 then the rest of the household does not have to self-isolate so long as they are under 18 years, 6 months or have been fully vaccinated (two doses). However, all members of the household should test themselves daily for 7 days using a home lateral flow test device.

Face coverings (masks)

All students should continue to wear face coverings (masks) in communal indoor areas and also in classrooms. (unless they are exempt). Students do not need to wear face coverings (masks) whilst taking public exams, unless they choose to. Please ensure that your child brings a face covering (mask) into school with them each day. We appreciate that wearing a face covering (mask) can be uncomfortable. Students may remove their face covering (mask) temporarily in a classroom if they feel discomfort. Teaching staff may also ask students to temporarily lower their masks to aid communication in the classroom or around school. Face coverings (masks) do not need to be worn outside and we strongly recommend that students use our outdoor spaces, including the covered areas, at break and lunchtime to enable mask breaks, as well as removing their face coverings



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(masks) should they choose to, whilst outside and moving between lessons throughout the school day. The guidance on face coverings (masks) is due to be reviewed by the government on 26th January.

Ventilation

We have CO2 monitors in school and they enable staff to balance keeping rooms well-ventilated whilst maintaining a comfortable temperature for work. We will continue to monitor this situation in the coming weeks very carefully.

Other COVID-19 protective measures

Students must avoid communal areas indoors unless they are moving to/from classrooms for lessons. They should not congregate in corridors or stairwells or in groups outside form rooms. This will support with reducing the risk of transmission and infection throughout the school day.

Only essential visitors will be permitted to come into school; wherever possible meetings will be postponed or held over the telephone or remotely using Microsoft Teams.

Students should sanitise their hands regularly throughout the school day.

Work for self-isolating students

Work will be available for students who are self-isolating on Class Charts and/or Microsoft Teams. If your child is not unwell after testing positive for COVID-19 and they are able to keep up with their work they should do so. Teaching staff will endeavour to post work or respond to messages as promptly as possible, but there may be a delay with posting materials or responding to messages due to staff teaching commitments.

Contingency plans for possible year group closures

We will do everything possible to keep school open for all students. However, there were times last term when staffing became very difficult due to the large number of staff having to self-isolate, and especially in December.

We are therefore making contingency plans for scenarios where we cannot fully staff the school. Our priority will always be to maintain on-site teaching for students as far as possible. If remote learning becomes necessary then we will operate this on a rota system with one or more-year groups working at home on different days. We will notify parents/carers at least one day before any year groups have to work at home and will aim to make provision for vulnerable students on site where they are able to access lessons remotely. We will continue to take decisions to enable students to access the best possible learning throughout the term.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate through the challenges that COVID-19 brings this winter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly, other senior staff, or the relevant staff members to provide support with any queries. Please either telephone the school or use the email addresses which are on our website: <https://haileyburyturnford.com/contact-us/staff/>

Yours faithfully



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