

Dear Parents and Carers,

September 15th 2021

**COVID 19 – Contingency Plan (outbreak management).**

This week has seen a spike in the number of students who are testing positive for Covid19, however, numbers are still relatively low when looked at as a proportion of the student body, there are 933 students at the school.

Year Group	Positive	Awaiting Result
Year 7	5	0
Year 8	0	0
Year 9	2	1
Year 10	5	3
Year 11	1	1
Staff	1	0

To keep the infection rate as low as possible we are implementing our contingency plan to manage any potential outbreak and to ensure we can keep the school open for all students.

This means that:

- Staff and students will be required to wear masks in communal spaces and can choose to wear a mask when in classrooms.
- We will continue to encourage hand washing and sanitising of hands.
- In school we will reduce numbers in the canteen by allowing students to take 'grab and go' food outside.
- We will not be holding Year group assemblies
- Students will be allowed to come to school in 'official' school PE kit on PE days. If a student does not have the correct school PE kit they will be required to go home and change into school uniform and return to school and will change for PE as per normal.

At this time, we will not go back into Bubbles and Zones but will monitor the situation on a daily basis.

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### **Lateral Flow Testing**

Students will be expected to test at home each week on Sunday and Wednesday evenings and to upload their results by going to the school website:

<https://weyvalley-academy.co.uk/parents/covid-19-a-guide-to-testing/>

### **Self-Isolation**

#### **Please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms**

- New continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss of taste or smell

The rules on self-isolation have changed. If an individual develops symptoms, they must get a PCR test and if it is positive, they must isolate.

Children under 18 years and 6 months or adults who have been double vaccinated will now no longer need to self-isolate if they live with someone or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

They are advised to take a PCR test. We have had several students test negative with LFD and then positive with PCR. They must socially distance and they must wear a mask in school at all times when indoors.

Please can you inform the school if your son or daughter is a close contact, outside of school, with a positive case of covid. This will assist us in monitoring any outbreaks.

If the test result is negative please allow 24 hours after a fever before returning to school.

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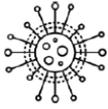
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**Incubation period** – time when you are infected but not showing any symptoms:

- **Usually 5-6 days** (can be between 1 to 14 days).



**Infectious period** – time when you can infect others:

- **From 2 days before to 10 days after onset of symptoms** (recovered and at least 48 hours fever free).



You are **no longer infectious after 10 days** and if you have recovered:

- Ongoing cough and/or loss of taste/smell is not a sign of ongoing infection and may continue for weeks after.

**PCR**



**Tests may remain positive for up to 90 days** – this does not mean someone is infectious but if they have symptoms again, they would need to self-isolate still.

## **Covid Vaccination Programme for 12-15 Year Olds**

We are yet to receive information about how the government plan to organise the vaccination programme for 12 – 15 year-olds, so we do not know the precise role that the school will have in the process. As such it would be inappropriate to provide assurances or otherwise at this time. As always, we will act in the best interests of the children and young people in our care and will work with parents to minimise any risk to those children. We will provide an update when more information is known.

Yours faithfully



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