

Dear Parents and Carers,

January 4th 2022

I want to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year, I hope you had a restful Christmas break.

I am writing to update you on the Covid19 situation and the plans we have in place at school.

This week we are testing students on site before they start the new term. Following this initial test please can you ensure your children test twice weekly (Sunday evening and Wednesday evening) and log into Class Charts to record the result (as set out in the letter sent by Mr Dyer before Christmas and which I will send again).

So that we can all return in as safe a way as possible, please remember:

- Children to Lateral Flow Test twice each week and upload results
- Children require a clean mask each day and remind them about the importance of regular hand hygiene.
- Children should bring a warm coat to school as with the windows open to ventilate classrooms the temperature may be lower than normal.
- **Any pupil who tests positive must self-isolate and take a PCR test as soon as possible.**
- With the Omicron variant presenting cold like symptoms, it is very important that a 'low bar' is set for illness. If your child has symptoms, please do not send them into school until they have taken a test that shows negative.

You may well have seen that the self-isolation period has now been reduced to 7 days if two negative lateral flow test results are returned on days 6 & day 7 at least 24 hours apart and they do NOT have a high temperature. Hopefully this will mean that absence and disruption for staff and pupils can be reduced in the upcoming term, but it will be very important that we all test carefully.

Re : Covid 19 – Testing Update to include those within 90 days of having had Covid

This guidance has been updated by the Department for Education as follows:

"Even if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged to take part in LFD testing on-site or at home once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection."

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The latest government guidance regarding testing, vaccinations and self-isolation is here just follow the links:

Stay at home guidance for families with possible Covid infection

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Book or Manage a Covid Vaccination

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

When to self-isolate and what to do:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

I receive daily updates from the Department for Education so I am sure there will be more to follow on all the above, but for now, I hope the information I have provided is useful.

Support for students not able to attend school due to illness

Please follow the link below to access work for your son or daughter if they are off school. All students have green Knowledge Organiser files with lots of work from each of the subject areas they study that can be reviewed and completed if working at home.

<https://weyvalley-academy.co.uk/pupils/remote-learning/>

Advice on logging into TEAMS is here:

<https://weyvalley-academy.co.uk/pupils/remote-learning/remote-learning-access/>

Additional Learning Links can be found here:

<http://weyvalley-academy.co.uk/pupils/remote-learning/home-learning-links/>

If you are struggling to provide a suitable computer or laptop for your son or daughter, we have a number of laptops available to loan out to students, in the first instance those students who are Pupil Premium or claim Free School Meals will have priority but we will do our best to support any student struggling to access online learning. Please contact your son or daughter's Head of Year for more information.

Yours faithfully



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