



# NEWSLETTER UPDATE

## Associate Principal



### COVID-Update re. Thursday 6th January return to school

Dear Stantonbury Families

I hope you have had a great Christmas and enjoying the New Year. Since writing to you at the end of last term the government has announced additional new measures that will affect how we operate from tomorrow Thursday 6th January.

I have outlined the updates from the Government along with our school updates.

Please take time to read fully.

#### Home testing

- All students will continue to LFD test at home on Mondays and Thursdays
- The result must be recorded on the government site and reported to school
- The advice has changed if you have been positive within the last 90 days – you are now recommended to LFD test
- If the LFD test result is positive, self-isolate at home and book a PCR test
- Further boxes of home kits will be distributed to all in the second week

#### Face coverings (unless exempt – please wear an exemption lanyard)

- All students must wear face coverings in all internal areas
- All staff must wear a face covering when moving around the classroom, but can remove when teaching from the front if they wish
- All students must wear face coverings **throughout their lessons** except where physical exertion occurs – PE, Dance, Drama

#### Close contact

- You will be informed through NHS track and trace or the school if you have been in close contact with a positive case
- Students between 5 – 18 ½ years do not need to self-isolate, but must LFD test for the next 7 days
- If symptoms develop – please stay at home and book a PCR test

#### Positive PCR test

- Following a positive PCR test for your child, please inform the school
- They must self-isolate at home for the next 7 days
- On day 6 and 7, they should LFD test, if both tests come back negative, they can return to school on day 8
- They should then continue to LFD test in the morning on days 8, 9 & 10

All other mitigations remain in place i.e. remote assemblies, hand hygiene, ventilating classrooms between lessons etc. Whilst I believe we may have a testing few winter weeks ahead of us, we will continue to work together to keep our community as safe as possible and the school open and running as normally as possible.

Tomorrow all our students will be tested as soon as they arrive in the morning and then spend time with their tutors before attending their timetabled lessons after break. Tutors will distribute their new timetables, show a video of how to enter and exit our new building, and ensure our children will be able to find their new classrooms for Maths, ADT and Science. Our Teaching and Learning focus will also be outlined and our expectations for the new term reaffirmed.

As always thank you for your support, we are really looking forward to welcoming back our children.

Kind regards

Ben Wilson

Associate Principal