

4th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to COVID-19 Guidance

Happy new year to you all.

As you will no doubt be aware, there have been a number of changes to the COVID-19 guidance since I wrote to you on 6th December. Please find these below:-

1. Pupils are now required to wear face coverings in classrooms. **Your child must bring a suitable face covering(s) to school each day as part of their essential equipment.**
2. Even if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged to take part in LFD testing in school and at home once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection. Pupils should therefore attend for testing in school as per the schedule below.

Date	Time	Form groups
Wednesday 5 th January	8.45am	7C1, 7D1, 7D2, 7G2
	9.15am	7G1, 7P1, 7P2
	10.30am	9C1, 9C2, 9D1
	11.00am	9D2, 9G1, 9G2, 9P1
	12 noon**	Year 12 and Year 13
Thursday 6 th January	8.45am	8C1, 8C2, 8D1, 8D2
	9.15am	8G1, 8G2, 8P1
	10.30am	10C1, 10C2, 10D1,
	11.00am	10D2, 10G1, 10P1, 10P2
	12 noon	11C1, 11D1, 11G1
	12.30pm	11P1, 11P2

When pupils are not in school for testing on Wednesday and Thursday, they should complete the work provided to them prior to the Christmas break.

3. The 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. **The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 7. Evidence of two negative LFD tests should be emailed to postbox@etonecollege.co.uk prior to your child returning to school.**
4. **Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19** - People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test **every day for seven days** and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Close contacts in schools are now identified by NHS Test and Trace and schools are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing.



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School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a Government priority to ensure that all children attend school.

Whilst we will be COVID testing those pupils that have consent on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th January, **guidance states that pupils should continue to test twice weekly at home and should notify us of any positive results in order that remote education can be provided. Please send evidence of any positive PCR tests to postbox@etonecollege.co.uk.**

We will be having a staggered return on Friday 7th January as per below:-

Friday 7th January 2022 Expectations assemblies taking place along with uniform & equipment checks	Staggered return as follows:		
	8.45am	Year 11	Main Hall
	9.30am	Year 7	Main Hall
	10.15am	Year 9	Main Hall
	11.00am	Year 8	Main Hall
	11.45am	Year 10	Main Hall
	As per timetable	Yr 12 & 13	Sixth Form

Pupils should return on Friday 7th January in full school uniform. Please visit our website to remind yourself of our uniform expectations (www.etonecollege/uniform/).

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher