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Dear Parent/Carer,

The latest government guidance still states that secondary school students are encouraged to take a symptom-free rapid lateral flow test twice a week (we recommend on Wednesday and Sunday) even if they have been vaccinated. Students with a positive rapid lateral flow test must self-isolate in line with the stay-at-home guidance. You will need to arrange a (PCR) test to confirm the result. If the PCR test is taken within two days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the student can return to school, as long as they do not have Covid-19 symptoms.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- A new, continuous cough - for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste.

We can all help to reduce the infection by:

- Wash hands with soap and water often, for at least 20 seconds, (hand sanitiser if not available)
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Clear objects and surfaces you touch often (such as door handles, kettles and phone) using your regular cleaning products
- Consider wearing a face covering when in shared spaces
- Keep windows open in shared spaces as much as possible.

The Academy has put significant measures in place:

- Sanitiser stations are available in every room and area
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements are in place
- Rooms and spaces are kept well ventilated
- Staff and students are reminded to test regularly and are provided with lateral flow tests.
- Monitoring and reporting of positive cases through the appropriate channels.

We are grateful for your support during this challenging time, it has been key in our efforts to protect and support your children.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Butterell
Principal



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