



TDMS

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Confirmed case of COVID-19 – Sixth Form updated guidance

Dear Parent/Carer

As per my previous letter, we have now received updated advice from the Worcestershire Local Outbreak Response Team regarding the number of confirmed cases in Sixth Form. Although the numbers are relatively low at the moment, acting now will stop the outbreak from spreading any further. They have advised all students can continue to attend school as normal and we are not required to send any students home to self-isolate. However, from tomorrow morning, we require all students in Years 12 and 13 to:

- Take a daily Lateral Flow Test (LFT) regardless of whether they have symptoms or not; and
- Wear a mask whilst in school.

Any student with a positive LFT should take a PCR test and stay at home whilst waiting for the test results. If the test is negative and they do not have any symptoms, they can return to school. They should continue to do daily LFTs.

Any student who has had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days should not take a LFT or PCR test unless they are symptomatic. This is because the likelihood of the test testing positive is high leading to a false result.

If your child is contacted by Track and Trace and identified as a close contact, they should get a PCR test and stay at home whilst waiting for the test results. If the test is negative and they do not have any symptoms, they can return to school.

If your child has tested positive and they have a sibling in school, then it is advised that the sibling gets a PCR test and stays at home whilst waiting for the test results. If the test is negative and they do not have any symptoms, they can return to school. We ask that for the duration of their positive sibling's isolation, they take daily LFTs.

As a school, we are continuing to be vigilant. We have increased our cleaning schedule including daily antibacterial fogging. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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