



Lady Lumley's School

Dear Parents and Carers,

14th October 2021

We have recently had an increased number of positive cases of Covid-19 across the school community. As a result, the North Yorkshire Health Protection Team have advised that with immediate effect we must be re-introduce face coverings both within the classroom and when moving around the school. These measures will remain in place until half term and will be reviewed once school re-opens after half term. This expectation will start tomorrow - Friday 15th October so please ensure your child has a suitable face covering. If your child is exempt from wearing a face covering and you have not previously informed us of this, please contact Mrs Elsworth via email t.elsworth@ll.coastandvale.academy

In addition to the re-introduction of face coverings we will also be taking the following action based on the advice from the Health Protection Team:

- Assemblies will be cancelled until after half term
- Our enrichment programme will be cancelled until after half term
- All trips and sports fixtures planned before half term will be postponed
- Because of an increase in the number of positive cases in Year 8 parents and carers of students in this year group are advised to book a PCR test for their child. PCR tests can be accessed via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> . It may be easier to request a home testing kit where available. Students do not need to isolate while they wait for the result, unless they have symptoms.
- If any of the positive cases have siblings in other year groups, we would also recommend that they take a PCR test. Provided the siblings are aged 11+ we would also recommend daily LFD testing for 7 days
- We would also like to re-iterate the importance of face coverings on school transport

All students are strongly advised to continue with twice-weekly LFD testing at home and I would like to remind everyone that testing is hugely important. Around 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is therefore important to ensure that each Covid-19 case is found as quickly and easily as possible. Reducing the spread of the virus is key to avoiding a potential return of tough restrictions and school closures.

If your child tests positive on a LFD test, they need to self-isolate immediately and arrange a PCR test to confirm the result. You will also need to report the positive test to the school as soon as possible.



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We are still awaiting information from the School Age Immunisation Service about when they will be in the school to offer Covid-19 vaccinations to students. When we have this information, we will share it with you.

We appreciate the frustration that this brings to parents and students. We have and will continue to follow the guidance from the Health Protection Team. Thank you for your ongoing support,

Yours sincerely

Clair Foden
Headteacher