



BSW Covid guidance and expectations

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to let you know that as a trust we have reviewed our Covid Risk Assessment following Government announcements over half term. We are very proud that so far throughout the pandemic we have managed to stay open with minimal staff and student absence compared to the national picture. However the virus has not gone away and we wish to assess the impact half term and wider mixing might have had.

The evidence is demonstrating that the virus is in decline nationally and the latest variant is less severe however I am also conscious that we want to continue to offer the most protection possible to the vulnerable in our community and also minimise educational disruption for all, particularly Y11 at this critical time. We are therefore going to continue for the time being with the same measures as before half term which are summarised below:

1. All members of the community who can are expected to wear masks in corridors and internal public areas of the school where they might mix with others outside their normal group. Mask wearing in classrooms remains an individual choice for students.
2. We will distribute our remaining test kits and ask that everybody continues with twice weekly testing for this half of term.
3. If your child is unwell with COVID symptoms or has a positive test result they should isolate for five days and not return before the tenth day unless they have two consecutive daily negative test results from the morning of day 5 onwards. This is inline with current guidance and minimises the risk of an outbreak at school. Work will continue to be provided on google classroom for those doing home learning.
4. Classrooms will continue to have hand sanitiser and desk cleaning regimes as before.
5. Whole school events, visits and meetings will be risk assessed on an individual basis and either extra mitigating steps or virtual options used.

As always there will be a range of opinion as to how quickly measures should be disbanded. It is important we act consistently and collectively to follow our remaining measures so that hopefully they can safely be removed by Easter with minimum educational disruption.

Thanks you for your ongoing support of our school Risk Assessment.

Yours sincerely

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