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Return to School After Autumn Half Term

Measures at Waverley Due to Increasing Covid Rates

Dear Parents,

I do hope that you have all managed to have an enjoyable and restful half term. As we return to school and Nursery next week after the break, please see below some updated measures and information.

Positive Cases at Waverley

As you are most likely aware, cases of Covid are rising in the area. Over half term, we have also had a small number of positive cases at Waverley. The system has now changed slightly so that if a positive case is confirmed at Waverley, then Test and Trace, rather than Waverley, will now engage directly with close contacts and advise them on next steps.

So far, thankfully, cases have been low. However, should cases increase then further measures would be implemented across Waverley.

Lateral Flow Tests Prior to Returning on Monday

Please could we ask parents to do their best endeavours to undertake a lateral flow test on both themselves and their children prior to returning to school on Monday. This will hopefully also pick up asymptomatic families and help reduce the spread of the virus, especially as the children now return to the more confined space of the classroom. We recommend that children and adults regularly test themselves twice a week.

How to Obtain a Lateral Flow Test Kit

You do not have to be displaying Covid symptoms to obtain free lateral flow test kits.

- Pop Up Lateral Flow Mobile Units: There are many pop-up mobile units in the local area distributing lateral flow test kits. To find out your nearest, please visit https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/covid-19/testing-and-vaccinations/covid-19-testing/
- Pick Up from your Local Pharmacy: You now need a QR code to pick up lateral flow test kits from a local pharmacy. Please visit https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/collect-lateral-flow-kits to generate a QR code
- Order for Next Day Home Delivery: Please visit https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests to order lateral flow test kits for next day delivery.

If your lateral flow test is positive, then you need to self-isolate and book a PCR test immediately via https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Being Aware of Covid Symptoms

Please can we ask all parents, and especially those with younger children who cannot be tested on lateral flow, to be highly vigilant. The Covid symptoms are extremely similar to a cold. Covid symptoms include, but are not limited to:

- Persistent cough
- Loss of taste and/or smell
- High temperature above 37.8
- Other symptoms of Covid include headache, runny nose, sneezing and a sore throat.

For further information about Covid symptoms in children, please visit https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/

If Your Child is Unwell

Please could we urge parents not to bring their child to school or Nursery if their child is unwell as this puts our whole community at risk. In addition, please do not medicate your child if they are feeling

poorly, then bring them in to School or Nursery, as this can temporarily mask symptoms and bring illnesses into our community.

Reporting Absence

If your child is not attending school or Nursery, please can parents inform us by **9am on each day of absence**, by:

- Either: Phoning the school office on 0118 973 1121
- Or for school: Emailing the school office at info@waverleyschool.co.uk and copying in your child's Form Teacher.
- Or for Nursery: Please text or call our Nursery team on 07920 268735 but ensure that you have also contacted our school office directly.

Face Coverings Around our Site

Parents are requested to now wear face coverings around our site if social distancing cannot be maintained.

Face Coverings at the WFA Breakfast on Friday 5th November

We have decided that all adults attending the WFA Family Breakfast will be required to wear a face covering (unless medically exempt) when walking around and collecting their food. Face coverings can be removed for eating and drinking.

Hand Hygiene

Please can parents remind their children, and also practice it themselves, about good hand hygiene. We also have numerous hand sanitising stations around our site for your health and safety.

Further Measures

Please may we remind parents to help keep our community safe by observing the above measures. Should cases increase, then further measures may need to be introduced.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday!

Kind regards,

Mr. Guy Shore
Head, Waverley Prep School and Nursery